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Soldier 'was denied a fair hearing'

Euro ruling condemns courts martial

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE British courts martial system is to go on trial in Europe in a case that could leave the Ministry of Defence facing dozens of compensation claims and a bill for millions of pounds.

In an unprecedented ruling yesterday, the European Commission of Human Rights unanimously agreed that a traumatised Falklands veteran who held colleagues hostage at gunpoint had been denied a fair hearing at the court martial that ended his Army career.

Referring the case of Alec Findlay to the European Court of Human Rights, the commission said there had been a violation of the convention that guarantees "a fair and public hearing before an independent and impartial tribunal".

The ruling is seen as a vital step in a campaign to get the court martial system abolished and the ministry intends to defend its procedures vigorously when the case comes to court next year.

John Mackenzie, a London solicitor acting for Mr Findlay, described the commission's decision as sensationally important. He said there were between twenty and thirty similar cases pending from all three Armed Services and the ministry faced the prospect of having to pay out millions of pounds in compensation.

Mr Findlay, 34, was demoted from lance-sergeant to guardsman and dismissed from the Army in 1991 after he held fellow members of his Scots Guards unit at gunpoint, threatening to kill himself and some of them. Two Army psychiatrists had confirmed that he had suffered a nervous breakdown, but in spite of pleas for "moderate" treatment, he was jailed for two years.

His appeal against sentence was rejected, but he later received £100,000 plus costs when he brought a civil action against the Defence Secretary alleging negligence in failing to diagnose and treat the post-traumatic stress disorder that had resulted from the battle of Tumbledown in 1982.



Findlay: held soldiers hostage at gunpoint

Mr Findlay — who admitted seven charges, most of them civilian — complained that the court martial lacked independence and impartiality, that the proceedings were unfair, the decisions unreasonable and the sentencing options limited. The court consisted of a president and four other members, all of whom served in units commanded by the officer responsible for setting up the hearing.

In its ruling yesterday, the commission said that psychiatric reports indicated that Mr Findlay had been suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder dating back to his time in the Falklands, when he had seen a friend shot in the neck and had himself been injured.

The incident that led to the court martial happened during a tour of duty in Northern Ireland in 1990. A fellow member of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards opened a can of beer and the noise reminded Mr Findlay of a bullet whizzing past his head. He pulled out a pistol and put it to another guardsman's head before taking two others hostage and firing two shots. He was disarmed and nobody was injured.

Last night Mr Findlay, who came from Kilmarnock but now works as a painter and decorator in Windsor, said of the commission's ruling: "This is fantastic news. I feel very disillusioned by the way I was treated. I don't want the whole court martial system changed, but there are definitely flaws which need to be addressed."

His solicitor, however, said the case signalled the end of the system. "The generals and the admirals will not like it, but the civil servants and the politicians will have to tell them that it has to go," Mr Mackenzie said.

"It is the end of the system. Anything they try to do will be only cosmetic. The civilian courts will be able to deal with cases, while internal tribunals could deal with military disciplinary matters."

Richard Lane, a former Royal Navy commander who is also awaiting a decision by the human rights commission, said: "Alec Findlay's is the first case, but there are many more of us waiting for a similar ruling."

Army sources admitted last night that there was considerable concern that Mr Findlay's case was to be examined by the European court, but the MoD said it would fight "all the way" to keep the court martial system, which has existed in its present form since 1955.

The ministry is already taking steps to reform the procedures: civilian judge advocates are being given more powers and convening officers are to be appointed from outside the defendant's regiment. The changes will be part of the Armed Forces Bill which is to be reviewed next year.

"We believe the court martial system has served the Forces and the country very well indeed," a spokeswoman said. "The key point about any changes is that they must meet the Armed Forces need for a firm and fair system of discipline."

The ministry acknowledged differences between the Service and civilian systems, but said they took account of the special needs of Service life. It also pointed out that all recruits accepted that they would be dealt with, if necessary, by court martial procedure set out by Parliament.



KELVIN BRUCE

The Princess leaves her therapist's London home yesterday

Princess opts out of Sandringham party

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Princess of Wales, in anticipation of severe frost over Norfolk, has changed her mind and decided not to attend the Royal Family's traditional Christmas gathering at Sandringham.

Relations between the Princess and the Royal Family have become deeply soured since the *Panorama* interview last month in which the Princess confessed to adultery and branded certain members of the royal household "the enemy".

Royal sources said yesterday that the decision to stay away had been made entirely by the Princess, and there was no question of dissuasion by a disapproving monarch, who greatly valued her annual family reunions despite the behaviour of some members.

In a telephone call to the Queen last week, the Princess said she would not now be accepting the Sandringham invitation. Buckingham Palace, which only three weeks ago announced that the Princess would be present, was obliged to eat its words.

"This change is made at the Princess's own request and after discussion with the Queen," the palace said yesterday. The Princess had made alternative private plans for Christmas, although she had expressed her gratitude for the invitation.

Prince William and Prince Harry will now spend Christmas at Sandringham with the Prince of Wales. It will be the first time since the couple's separation three years ago that the Princess has not made even a token appearance of family solidarity.

Her original plan was to arrive with her sons on Christmas Eve, attend church on Christmas morning, and then leave to prepare for a private holiday in Vail, Colorado.

Shocked team of inspectors walks out of Holloway

BY STEWART TENDLER AND GEOFF KING

THE new Chief Inspector of Prisons withdrew his team from Holloway women's prison before finishing their work because they were so appalled by conditions, it was disclosed last night.

The inspectors went into the north London prison at the start of last week, the first unannounced inspection made by General Sir David Ramsbotham since he took the post. They were withdrawn after four days, two days ahead of schedule, after detailing a catalogue of complaints.

A statement from the inspectorate said : "The interim findings of the inspection showed standards so unacceptably low that the prison inspectors were being withdrawn." It added: "Our early findings identified such shortfalls in the treatment of the prisoners and conditions at Holloway that the proper course was for us to seek immediate improvements."

Holloway, which is the main female prison in England and Wales, can hold up to 517 prisoners. There are about 500 there at the moment and last year the average number of inmates was 486.

Sir David's decision to withdraw his team, coming less than a month after he took over from Judge Tumim, a thorny critic of the Home Office and the Prison Service, is an early indication that he intends to establish a reputation for independence.

A report by the prison's Board of Visitors in 1994 criticised Holloway for its poor staffing levels, overcrowded cells and having a number of disturbed inmates.

Ann Widdecombe, the prisons minister, told *Channel Four News*: "It is indeed a sorry state of affairs. It is one we had ourselves picked up on before the inspection with the result that in October we put in an extra £300,000 of resources." She added: "We would expect it to take a little while for the extra funds to feed through. I do feel that we had already recognised that something was wrong and were putting in measures to combat it.

"What we have seen is a situation which we are not prepared to tolerate. We will now put in right. Holloway has major problems and we are not going to be able to get it right overnight."

Holloway has been condemned in the past for its handling of mentally ill women. At the same time it has also won praise for running regimes for resettling women in the community with day release work projects.

Sir David, 61, came to the job after a military career which he ended as Adjutant-General in the Army.

When he took over from Judge Tumim at the beginning of this month, he said : "Obviously I shall have to find my own style, which will be different because we are different."

Last night the Prison Service said senior managers had been working with the governor and a team at Holloway " to resolve the areas of operational concern."

An extra £326,000 pounds was added to the p budget in October. New trained staff will join in January.

The statement said Alan walker, the operational director for the South of England, has given the Director General of the Prison Service "a personal assurance the action planned was achieved in the shortest possible time."



Zyuganov: likely to be Communist challenger

Election winners set sights on Yeltsin

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

WHILE the last votes in Russia's parliamentary elections were still being counted yesterday, a new campaign was under way to challenge President Yeltsin next year.

As counting continued to show a strong lead for the Communist Party, its leader Gennadi Zyuganov signalled that he would begin his attempt to replace Mr Yeltsin as soon as the new Duma, the lower house of parliament, opened in the new year.

"The Government has received a vote of no confidence. This is a complete rejection of the old radical system [of reform]. The system has collapsed and become bankrupt," Mr Zyuganov said.

He is expected to be chosen as the official presidential candidate for the scheduled June polls by the Communists at a meeting next month.

Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist leader, will also be encouraged to run for President. Although his Liberal Democratic Party saw its support halved compared with the 1993 elections, it still came second and now dominates the nationalist camp.

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Forecasters expect a white Christmas

BY LEYLA LINTON

A BLAST of icy air from the Arctic promises much of Britain a white Christmas, with a band of snow set to move across the country in the next day or so. Since the Christmas getaway is already getting into top gear, the AA is advising drivers to check forecasts before setting off.

But the good news for children may not be so popular with bookmakers. If a single snowflake falls on the London Weather Centre, William Hill will lose more than £100,000 to punters who took the generous odds offered during the hottest summer on record. Christmas snow has fallen in London only eight times this century.

The forecast snow will result from a collision between cold air moving down from Spitzbergen, north of Scandinavia, and a depression moving up from the southwest. Humberside and North Wales are expected to be worst hit.

In Scotland a weather forecaster said the chances of a white Christmas were greater than for years. Snow last fell in Edinburgh on Christmas Day in 1962 and in Glasgow in 1980.

The previous worst year was in 1993, when snow fell in 13 of the 15 regions measured.

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Lottery regulator ignored advice over free trips

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, JON ASHWORTH AND JOANNA BALE

PETER DAVIS, the National Lottery Regulator, was plunged into fresh controversy last night when Virginia Bottomley revealed he had ignored government advice not to accept free flights or accommodation during an American visit.

The National Heritage Secretary disclosed that government officials advised Mr Davis against accepting hospitality weeks before he took the free flights from a company behind the lottery and stayed with one of its directors. Last year's flights were in a private jet and helicopter owned by GTech, an American partner of the Camelot consortium.

Mrs Bottomley said officials advised Mr Davis in August 1994 "to ensure that all due propriety was observed and that the cost of flights and accommodation should be borne by Oflot [the Office of the National Lottery] and not their hosts".

A department spokesman emphasised last night that the advice "covered generalities but not specific details of flights. Mr Davis has explained that he took the flights to save time and taxpayers' money. He was entitled to make that decision."

Mrs Bottomley's disclosure, in a Commons written reply, came less than an hour after she refused to be rushed into a decision on Mr Davis's future as regulator, despite pressure from Labour MPs that he should be dismissed.

After Mr Davis was questioned for two hours by Hayden Phillips, the National Heritage Department's Permanent Secretary, Mrs Bottomley told MPs it would be "unfair" to make an immediate decision. "I need to consider the issues raised carefully. I don't intend to take precipitate action. It would be inappropriate and unfair to say more on this matter today."

She insisted an independent report had decided Mr Davis's work in awarding the lottery contract to Camelot last year was "comprehensive, consis-

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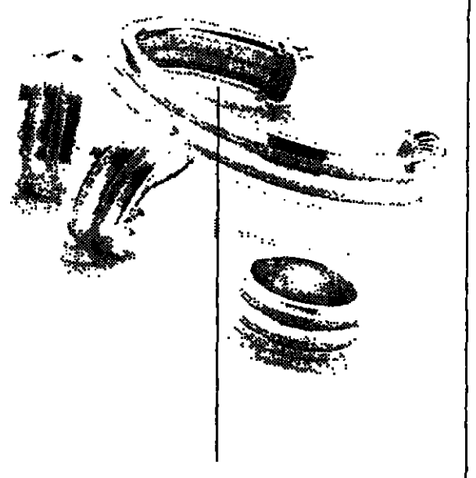
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They've all gone cuckoo in the nest of democracy. Or not

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

SIX hybrid creatures limped, lolloped or flapped into the Commons circus ring yesterday afternoon to perform in an exotic freak show called *The Prime Minister's Statement on the Madrid European Council*.

First into the ring was something called the Partial Emu. This sadly disabled bird, seemingly wingless, was partnered by something more remarkable yet: the Push-me-pull-you Prime Minister, a creature apparently unable to say "yes" without adding "or no" and incapable of saying "whether" without the suffix "or not".

Not to be outdone in the mutant stakes, we were next introduced (by the Tories' Sir Terence Higgins MP) to a bird called the Caw Currency — or was it the Cor! Currency? It was believed that this might fly in 1999, and would be christened "the euro". It was important to understand that the euro (also known as the Caw Currency) was *not* the same thing as the Single Currency, which did not exist.

Sir Terence was afraid that if the euro did fly, the Non-Caw Currencies might try to raid its nest.

Just when you thought nature had displayed its strangest, in bowled the Hard Ecu, an animal which could proceed only by "circulating in parallel" with the franc, the pound and the mark, but separately from them. Hard on the heels of the Hard Ecu came the Possible Referendum, a fabled beast of uncertain attributes, which the Push-me-pull-you Prime Minister sometimes claimed to see, and sometimes not.

It was believed that the Possible Referendum was designed to proceed ahead of the Partial Emu and possibly in tandem with the Hard Ecu (which itself, you remember, circulates in parallel with the franc, pound and mark). Such gymnastics were by way of cheerleading for the arrival of the Partial Emu, the Caw Currency and the euro, which, you remember, are probably the same thing (but not the same as the Single Currency which, you remember, is not in prospect).

It promises to be quite a floorshow.

Weirdest of all, and the last to make its entrance yesterday, was the Rubber-spined Labour Leader. With apparent ease this bird had managed to get its head right through the gap between its legs, from which unlikely position it hopped impertinently around, making sure its own position was never very far from the Push-me-Pull-you Prime Minister's, and issuing a series of mocking calls to the Push-me-pull-you, demanding that it state where it stood and where it was going. The Push-me-pull-you's attempts to answer these squawks were cruelly hampered by its inability to say anything at all without adding "or not".

The circus baffled all spectators. Prize for the most arcane commentary from the stalls yesterday goes to Labour's Andrew Faulds (Warley, E), who diagnosed "plasticity of European purpose" on the Continent, but failed to note the plasticity of purpose on his own front bench, eight feet away.

The prize for opaque prose goes to the Push-me-pull-you Prime Minister, who, having pronounced the word "whether" felt impelled to add "or not" then, continuing "we recognise our right to opt in", felt impelled to append "or opt out". The final "whether or not we recognise our right to opt in or opt out" will challenge political science for decades to come. Or not.

The prize for being comprehensible goes, as usual, to Dennis Skinner, who said: "It's a barmy name, 'euro.' This was the only contribution anyone understood.

Major strengthens hope of referendum on single currency

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR gave his firmest indication yesterday that the Conservatives will go into the next election committed to staging a referendum on Britain's membership of a single European currency.

On the eve of another cliff-hanger Commons vote on Europe, he disclosed that ministers were considering the possibility of a national poll, raising speculation that a decision might come before the election manifesto is drawn up.

In a carefully prepared answer to the former foreign secretary Douglas Hurd, Mr Major said that "for a decision of such magnitude, we shall certainly keep in mind the possibility of a referendum".

He added: "That has been in my mind for a long time. It remains there, and I think it is right to keep that before us for consideration."

Mr Major's gradual shift towards a referendum was welcomed by many Tory MPs, including some Euro-enthusiasts as well as the sceptics. He made the pledge in a Commons statement on the Madrid summit, and promised to continue taking a "hard-headed approach" at the centre of European policy making.

But the Euro-sceptics were voicing renewed misgivings last night over the Prime Minister's explicit determination to keep open the option of joining a single currency. They were pleased by his assurance that he would not allow sterling to go back into an old-style exchange rate mechanism outside the single currency, if a number of countries went ahead.

But they were nervous when Mr Major declined to agree with the contention of Peter Shore, the veteran Labour anti-marketeer, that Britain would not be able to join a a single currency on January 1 1999 because it would not have conformed to the necessary qualifying rule of rejoining the ERM two years before the decision was made.

But in words regarded as highly significant by some MPs and advisers, Mr Major said that that rule no longer applied because the ERM no longer existed as constituted at the time the Maastricht treaty was signed. Under the old criteria, no one would be able to join the single currency, he said.

In the Commons Bill Cash, MP for Stafford, told Mr Major that Britain had "sold the pass" at Madrid because it did not disagree with the rest in their determination to go ahead with political union. Mr Cash urged: "We must soon, in a White Paper or by some other means, ensure that we no longer go down the route of political union. Mr Major denied that any pass had been sold.

Mr Major has suggested that a referendum would be held after a Cabient decision to go into a single currency, implying that all members of the Cabinet would then be expected to go out and campaign for the decision.

This would contrast with the position in 1975 when Harold Wilson allowed individual ministers to disagree openly during the referendum campaign with the majority position to recommend continuing British membership of the EU. However, it is understood that ministers have yet to address the question of collective responsbility in the event of a referendum campaign. Tony Blair has already made plain that a Labour Cabinet would be expected to abide by the majority position.

A referendum pledge would upset some Tories. Sir Edward Heath said yesterday: "The Conservative Party in its history has never supported a referendum — never."

Mr Blair said other EU leaders had reaffirmed the timetable for monetary union over Mr Major's head, and asked: "Why has he been so utterly powerless in this situation? Whatever happened to those great new alliances we kept reading he had built?"

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ANDRÉ CAMARA



Peter Davis outside the Department of National Heritage yesterday

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tent, logical and properly controlled" but added she needed to consider "subsequent matters" — relating to the free flights — very carefully.

Tory MPs who had expected an announcement yesterday put pressure on Mrs Bottomley to make a decision before the Commons rises tomorrow. "Mr Davis can't be left swinging in the wind over Christmas", said Michael Shersby, who called for the regulator to stay on.

Labour accused Mrs Bottomley of "dithering", having been sent an account last Friday of Mr Davis's visit to America and a separate visit to Australia this year. Jack Cunningham, Labour's Shadow National Heritage Secretary, said: "Will you not accept that any failure on your part to take decisive action will damage public confidence not only in the regulator but in the National Lottery itself?"

Although Mr Davis was not obliged to follow the advice of government officials, MPs seized last night on Mrs Bottomley's admission that he did not disclose that he had ignored it until this month. Alan Williams, the Labour MP who demanded details of the advice, said: "The Government has created a monster [Oflot] that it can't control."

Mr Davis said before meeting Mr Phillips: "I have no reason to resign." He emerged two hours later and said: "I have this morning had a full discussion with senior officials at the Department of National Heritage about the draft report which I submitted to them on Friday. They are now considering the matter and I am going back to work." Officials said Mr Phillips had not asked for Mr Davis's resignation.

☐ Lord Nolan's committee on standards in public life is expected to launch an inquiry into the role of industry regulators. Nigel Williamson writes. Peter Shore, a Labour MP on the ten-member committee, said insufficient thought had been given to who regulated the regulators.

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DPP studies remarks before Brixton riot

A police report on allegations that speakers made inflammatory remarks at a protest meeting before the Brixton riots last week is to be studied by the lawyers for the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Senior Scotland Yard sources say detectives are investigating not only the comments by Rudi Narayan, the disbarred black barrister, but also the remarks of all other speakers at the meeting organised by the Black Caucus last Wednesday. During the protest Mr Narayan told the crowd: "The Brixton police are killers and they will not understand what they have done until one of them has been killed. The police are using public money and public equipment to kill black people. If a policeman is killed because he is behaving badly I will not fret."

Killer father had debts

A debt-laden father took his own life and unlawfully killed his four young children, a coroner ruled yesterday. Phillip Mitchell, 36, a divorcé, killed himself and Jonathan, 9, Cathryn, 7, and twins Jessica and Christopher, 6, all of Rudheath, Cheshire, in a fume-filled car, an inquest in Crewe, Cheshire, was told. Police disclosed afterwards that Mr Mitchell had debts of more than £20,000 and had just received a demand to pay the Child Support Agency £2,800.

Robbery shuts Oxford St

Thousands of Christmas shoppers were cleared from a section of Oxford Street yesterday as armed police sealed off a bank after raiders attacked security guards delivering money for cashpoint machines. Police thought that the two robbers could still be inside but after a search with police dogs they released five men locked in the vaults of the National Westminster building. The robbers, armed with handguns, are believed to have escaped with up to £100,000.

IRA escapers bailed

The IRA terrorists wanted for extradition to Britain after escaping from Brixton prison in 1991 were freed on bail by the High Court in Dublin. Nessan Quinlivan and Pearse McAuley have lodged an appeal against extradition on conspiracy charges, which could take 18 months. Both must report daily at a police station. Their lawyers said they had honoured parole conditions while serving sentences in the Irish Republic.

Ordtec man in custody



Paul Grecian, right, the businessman acquitted of supplying arms to Iraq, was remanded in custody by a court in South Africa. Mr Grecian, 40, whose firm Ordtec supplied parts for an Iraqi "supergun" while he kept British intelligence informed, is wanted in the United States for supplying arms to Iraq. He was arrested on Friday when he arrived in South Africa for a holiday.

Dog barks led to killing

A man killed his neighbour with a crowbar in a row over a barking dog, Winchester Crown Court was told. Nicholas Farnell, 32, a roofer, attacked 56-year-old Willy Pottage and his wife Christine after they went out, leaving their puppy barking in the garden of their home in Waterlooville, Hampshire. Mr Farnell, who denies murder but admits manslaughter, hit Mr Pottage, fracturing his skull. The trial continues today.

Rail franchise sale to proceed despite ruling

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE Transport Secretary told MPs yesterday that the sale of British Rail passenger franchises would go ahead, despite a court decision last week that the terms of five of the franchises were unlawful.

Opponents of rail privatisation accused Sir George Young of side-stepping the court ruling by refusing to start the auction of franchises from scratch. Instead, he has adjusted the terms so that the sales meet the terms of the judgment.

It seems certain that at least two and possibly three franchises will be sold this week. A further four are due to be sold in the spring.

However, a further legal challenge is being considered after Sir George refused to force private train operators to provide levels of train service that at least match the current British Rail timetable.

The Court of Appeal ruled on Friday that five of the first seven franchises on offer to private operators were unlawful because Roger Salmon, the franchising director, had not followed ministerial guidance on the minimum standards of service.

Yesterday, Sir George announced the Government would respond by rewriting its guidance to require Mr Salmon to favour bidders who promised to offer enhanced levels of service.

However, there will be no redrafting of the legal minimum service requirements as demanded by Save Our Railways (SOR), the lobby group that brought the legal case. "This is giving the Franchise Director a charter to cut services," Jonathan Bray, Secretary of SOR, said.

Emphasising that he intended to go beyond the requirements of the Court of Appeal ruling, Sir George said: "I shall instruct Mr Salmon, when considering the award of future franchises, to take account of bidders' contractual commitments to, and future plans for, providing services over and above the PSR.

"I have therefore decided to clarify the instructions and guidance to Mr Salmon to ensure that franchisees should have flexibility to adjust commercial services while ensuring through the franchise agreement that a core service level is protected."

Hugh Bayley, the Labour MP for York, who was involved in the court cases against Mr Salmon, said Sir George had "changed the rules to make train cuts legal by private operators. He is inviting legal challenge."

Royal Train buyer in tax fraud inquiry

THE sale of the British Rail company that runs the Royal Train ran into fresh criticism yesterday when it emerged that one of the buyers is being investigated by the New Zealand Government for alleged tax evasion (Jonathan Prynn writes).

Fay Richwhite, a New Zealand merchant bank, took a one third stake in Rail Express Systems (RES), which is also responsible for Royal Mail trains, when it was sold by the Government this month. Its partner in the acquisition was Wisconsin Central Transportation, one of the leading bidders for BR freight companies.

The loss-making private bank is at the centre of a high-level inquiry into an alleged tax fraud which was ordered in the summer by James Bolger, the New Zealand Prime Minister.

The investigation, headed by a former Chief Justice, is examining claims of massive tax evasion in the Cook Islands in the 1980s by several New Zealand firms including Fay Richwhite. The bank has denied any wrongdoing.

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Animal lover swaps love life for wildlife after affair turns sour



Booth: would rather live with gorillas

THE love affair between a leading wildlife artist and a whale researcher, who came together through their love of animals, ended in a violent fight and a prosecution in court yesterday.

Janine Booth was so badly injured that she needed stitches and plastic surgery to repair the damage done to her nose, South East Northumberland magistrates were told.

But Rod Sutterby, the artist, was cleared of assault causing actual bodily harm after he told the court that he was acting in self-defence.

The couple met during a whale-watching expedition in Scotland. Later Mr Sutterby, 51, asked Miss Booth if she would do research for some pictures he wished to paint and their relationship was cemented during a trip to Somerset. They began an affair earlier this year after he separated from his wife and moved out of the family home. But after a few months Mr Sutterby began to have second thoughts and postponed his divorce.

Miss Booth, 34, eventually agreed to move out of their shared home in Druridge Bay, Northumberland, after weeks of rows. She hired a van to move her possessions to her home city of Sheffield, but as she left they had a heated row about the bedding.

Mr Sutterby was accused of kicking Miss Booth in the face, tearing her nostril and blacking an eye. Although he admitted inflicting injuries on her, he claimed they were in self-defence and denied kicking her.

He told the court: "I had to stop her, she is a fit young woman and far stronger than me. I am 51 years old and I am not strong. It wasn't her who was beaten to the floor, it was me.

"She was raining blows on my head and I couldn't take it any longer. She was obviously upset about leaving because I meant a lot to her and she meant a lot to me." He had stayed in bed for the next two days after returning home and could not work for a week.

Miss Booth told the court that she slapped Mr Sutterby to try to calm him when he began shouting about the bedding. She said she feared he was going to try to strangle her.

Recalling the night of the incident on July 25 this year, she said: "He was getting unreasonably angry and started shouting and shouting. I couldn't work out what the problem was. I asked him what the matter was. He was going red in the face so I slapped him to calm him down. He jumped up and started hitting me around the head so hard that I was hurled across the room.

"He said: 'That is it, you have had it now'. He threw me to the floor and started hitting me around the head. I was seeing stars and then he kicked me in the face. I heard a popping noise and blood started splurting onto the floor and the carpet. I was covered in the stuff."

Mr Sutterby is now reconciled with his wife Iris and is living back at the family home, a converted farmhouse near Hexham, Northumberland. Miss Booth, who has travelled extensively for wildlife research, is soon to go to central Africa to work with orphaned gorillas. She has worked for the International Fund for Wildlife, the Sealife Surveys Organisation and as a guide on whale-watching expeditions. She said after the case: "I fell for him because he seemed so charming and gentle. But now I know what he is like and I would rather live in a house with six gorillas than with him."

Mr Sutterby is one of a small band of artists who have been producing highly detailed, "biologically correct" water-colours of fish and other wildlife for 30 years. His work has been featured in the Natural History Museum in London.



Sutterby: cleared of assault charge

Teenager found in undergrowth only 150 yards from family home

Girl is murdered on walk back from pantomime

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A 16-YEAR-OLD girl who went missing on her way home from a family outing to the pantomime *Sleeping Beauty* on Saturday night has been found murdered.

The body of Mhairi Julyan was found on Sunday afternoon in undergrowth at a busy bus depot 150 yards from her home in the Ayrshire town of Kilmarnock. Strathclyde Police questioned Christmas shoppers and neighbours of the dead girl's family yesterday in Kilmarnock.

Mhairi, a schoolfriend and the friend's mother had gone to the 7pm performance of *Sleeping Beauty* at the Palace Theatre in the town on Saturday. The show finished at 9.20pm, earlier than Mhairi had expected. Friends said she had arranged for her father to collect her by car but she telephoned home to say she would walk the short distance to the house.

She did not arrive and her anxious parents, Maureen and Philip Julyan, contacted police and reported her missing that night. A big police hunt was launched and her body was discovered at 3pm on Sunday at the Stagecoach bus depot. Police say she was last seen on London Road, Kilmarnock, on Saturday night at 9.45pm. They are asking anyone who saw her after that time to come forward in an attempt to piece together her final hours.

A police officer said that Mr and Mrs Julyan were distraught at their daughter's death and were too upset to talk. They were being comforted by relatives. Pupils at Kilmarnock Academy, where Mhairi was a pupil, were shocked by the news of her death. Frank Donnelly, the headmaster, said: "The whole school is utterly devastated."

Friends of the victim said she was a quiet girl who never said a bad word about anyone. She was studying for her Higher examinations and had ambitions to be a nurse.

Yesterday Jane Holland, 37, who accompanied her daughter and Mhairi to the pantomime, said she could not help blaming herself for what had happened.

"I couldn't even begin to put into words what I feel for the person who has done this. My daughter is distraught. The two girls were very close." Mrs Holland, 37, said the first she knew that something was wrong was when Mrs Julyan telephoned her at about midnight to say her daughter had not arrived home. Mrs Holland and Julie Ann, her daughter, spent Sunday searching the town centre for Mhairi.

Miss Julyan's family were being looked after by a doctor yesterday. Her mother and her sister Claire, 21, were said to be deeply upset by her death. Her father, who works for a motoring magazine, was in a state of shock.

Yesterday friends and neighbours paid tribute to a quiet, likeable schoolgirl. Fellow pupils were huddled in tearful groups at Kilmarnock Academy. A classmate said: "The whole school is appalled. Mhairi had everything going for her." Mr Donnelly, the school's head teacher, said: "Mhairi was a popular pupil who had spent all her secondary years with us."

One neighbour, who did not want to be named, said: "The whole area is very shocked. We just can't believe that this has happened to a vibrant young girl. The entire family are all very nice."

No buses were allowed in or out of the Stagecoach depot where Miss Julyan's body was found. The depot was cordoned off and a meticulous search was being carried out as buses were examined for possible clues.

Bruce Gilmore of the Palace Theatre said that about 500 people attended the pantomime on Saturday night which had finished on time at 9.20pm. "Everyone here is extremely sad about it. The company felt dreadful this morning. It was a very difficult performance for them."

Mr Gilmore said the next evening performance would be tomorrow. "We are mainly performing during the day to allow school parties to come and see us." He expected parents would be vigilant when leaving children.



Mhairi Julyan telephoned her family to say she did not need a lift

Judge in Ashby libel case sets damages limit

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE jury hearing the libel action brought by David Ashby, MP, was told by the judge yesterday that damages of less than £50,000 would be niggardly if they found for the Conservative member for Leicestershire North West, but more than £120,000 would be extravagant.

Mr Justice Morland exercised new powers under guidelines laid down by the Court of Appeal last week when he indicated to the jury the level of award he deemed appropriate. That would be if the jury concluded that *The Sunday Times* had failed to justify an article about him alleging he that was homosexual, and if the jury thought the paper had aggravated the damage done.

The jury will resume its deliberations at the High Court today. It failed to reach a verdict after four hours last night. The judge said that the court could accept a verdict on which at least ten jury members were agreed.

Mr Justice Morland began his summing-up by saying: "You have been witnessing a family really exposing its misery in the full glare of publicity. You've heard the details of verbal abuse, physical abuse between husband and wife — both claim to still love each other very much although they have given evidence on opposite sides. You saw and heard their daughter give evidence for her father and, in effect, give evidence against her mother, whom she loves."

The judge said the jury had to decide whether *The Sunday Times* had established that the article was true in substance and fact. If the newspaper failed to prove that, the jury had to decide what injury recoverable in damages had Mr Ashby established he had suffered as a result of publication.

Mr Ashby, 55, is claiming damages over an article in January 1994 that he shared a double bed with a male friend during a holiday in Goa at the end of 1993.

He says it alleged that he was a homosexual who had misled his estranged wife, Silvana, about the nature of his sexuality; that he had lied to the public about having an affair with Dr Ciaran Kilduff in France; and that he was a hypocrite in having emphasised the importance of the family in his last election address.

Times Newspapers Ltd and Andrew Neil, the former Editor of *The Sunday Times*, deny libel although they accept Mr Ashby did not holiday with a man in Goa. They assert that he was and is having an affair with Dr Kilduff, a 32-year-old Irishman.

McCartney burgled on surgery day

BY RICHARD DUCE

BURGLARS ransacked the London home of Paul McCartney while his wife was undergoing an operation for breast cancer, police said yesterday. The thieves broke in through the back door of the £2 million house in St John's Wood last Tuesday evening, but little is thought to have been stolen.

At the time, Linda McCartney was having an operation at the Princess Grace Hospital in London for a malignant lump to be removed. The operation is said to have been a success.

McCartney, 54, said yesterday: "This house has been broken into many times during the past 30 years, as this part of London is a favourite area for burglars. We are improving security. Obviously the incident doesn't help at a time like this."

The raiders are believed to have caused thousands of pounds of damage. Televisions and tables were overturned and personal belongings strewn across the floors. However, only a camera and a number of compact discs were taken. McCartney uses the London mansion when working in London but his family spend most of their time on their farm near Rye, East Sussex. No one was at the house at the time of the burglary.

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Jealous husband fitted fireworks to rival's car

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A MAN drove his car for three weeks not knowing a jealous husband had planted a petrol bomb under it, a court was told. The fuse had failed to ignite properly and the device was not discovered until the vehicle went in for a routine service. Mechanics fled the garage and Army bomb disposal experts were called in.

Yesterday the husband, Robert Graham, 44, appeared at Manchester Crown Court, where he denied making an explosive substance with intent to endanger life in November last year. He said it was just a hoax.

The court was told that Mr Graham believed his wife Lorraine had resumed an affair with John Hall, a family friend, even though they had assured him it was over.

Graham had discovered the four-month affair in May 1994 when he caught them embracing during a barbecue at the Hall family's home in Royton, near Oldham. Alan Conrad, for the prosecution, said: "He uttered a threat saying that if he saw him again he would kill him."

Even though the affair then cooled, Mr Graham was recording incoming calls at his home and discovered Mr Hall had been ringing his wife, the court was told. He went to Mr Hall's home to confront him. Mr Conrad said: "Graham had the tape in his hand and he was angry, saying to Mr Hall, 'You can't leave it alone.' Mr Hall tried to placate him, saying there was nothing going on. Things then appeared amicable."

Four days later the car bomb was discovered when Mr Hall, who runs a building firm, took his Mercedes into a garage in Manchester. Mr Conrad said: "There could have been at the least a very serious explosion. It would have damaged and possibly destroyed the Mercedes and would have harmed anyone in the car or anyone in the proximity. The mechanics were shocked."

Mr Graham, a television engineer, made the bomb from three fireworks and a container of petrol, fixing it with a magnet to the fuel pump of Mr Hall's Mercedes. When police searched Mr Graham's home in Royton they found fireworks of the same make and petrol of a similar type.

He allegedly told detectives: "I planted the device about three weeks ago when Mr Hall was at a gym. I thought it would have dropped off by now. I didn't mean to hurt him. I only meant to frighten him."

The trial continues.

Irate driver 'waved gun at golfers'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MOTORIST whose car was damaged by four golfers after an altercation at a Home Counties course later threatened them with an imitation firearm, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

Imran Hashmi, 24, stopped to remonstrate with the players after a ball narrowly missed the Renault 5 he was driving. As the argument developed the four began hitting him and his vehicle with their clubs, the court was told.

Mr Hashmi crashed into a tree as he made his escape. David Hewitt, for the prosecution, said that Mr Hashmi then went to his sister's house near by. The men followed and again attacked the car.

As they returned to Camberley Heath Golf Club in Surrey, a neighbour reported seeing Mr Hashmi come out of the house with an English bull terrier on a lead. He followed the men down the road and, when they were about 30ft away, produced an imitation Colt pistol. "He brandished the weapon at the men, threatening to shoot them," Mr Hewitt said.

Police were called and Mr Hashmi denied he had a gun. However, the weapon was later found at the side of the house, Mr Hewitt said. Mr Hashmi, of Hounslow, west London, denies possessing an imitation firearm and ammunition.

The trial continues today.

Mensa chief accused of cashing in



Gale: launched his own magazine

A CHIEF executive of Mensa made money for his own private company by playing on the organisation's name, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Harold Gale was said to have attracted subscribers to his magazine *Mind Games* by sending information about the publication to people who applied for Mensa membership, and sold "logic puzzles" to three national newspapers who thought they had been devised by Mensa.

After allegations of gross misconduct, he was subsequently sacked from his £60,000-a-year post as chief executive of British Mensa Ltd, following an investigation led by Sir Clive Sinclair, chairman of the British Mensa Committee.

Mr Gale, from Lilleshall, Shropshire, is claiming unfair dismissal. At the tribunal in Birmingham, Alistair Small, representing Mensa, said: "Mr Gale had total authority and because of that complete trust was placed in him."

The committee thought *Mind Games* was produced in Mr Gale's own time. "He had exercised his undoubted entrepreneurial skills to promote the interests of his own company, not Mensa. He also used Mensa employees and their time to work on behalf of his company while ensuring Mensa met his overheads. He passed off the work of his own company as being Mensa's."

Mr Gale was employed by Mensa for 19 years until his dismissal last March. During that period, membership had grown from 1,300 to around 40,000.

The hearing continues.

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'Jenny spent her spare time helping others. She was a lovely girl'

Meningitis kills Oxford student home for holiday

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A PRIZE-WINNING languages student at Oxford University has died of meningitis after returning home to spend Christmas with her family.

Jenny Cullen, 19, was in her second year at St Anne's College, and in her spare time helped with the university's confidential Nightline counselling service. Her parents and teenage sisters were distraught last night and academic staff paid tribute to a "brilliant girl loved by all".

Doctors believe she had contracted the swift-acting illness since returning home to Humberside at the end of term a fortnight ago. Fears that fellow students at her 450-strong college could be at risk have been ruled out.

Miss Cullen was studying French and Spanish, gaining a distinction in her first-year examinations. Ruth Deech, principal of St Anne's, said: "Not only was she academically very bright but she always spent her spare time helping others. Jenny was a lovely, attractive girl who was loved by all. This is an unbearable tragedy for both her family and this college."

The student achieved the best A-level results of 1993 at Longcroft School in Beverley, with A grades in Spanish, French, English and geography, and a B in general studies. Her parents have two other daughters, Suzie, 15, and Louise, 13.

Her former headmistress, Lesley Hughes, said: "Jenny was a beautiful and talented person who swept the board with her A-level results. She was an exceptionally gifted linguist. She was very special, beautiful but very modest. Pupils and teachers are desperately sad.

"She worked very hard to help others because she cared deeply for other people. She was keen to join in everything and lend a hand. She had a brilliant future ahead of her. She was a very special person and the world is a lesser place without her."

Official figures for this year up to December 2 show 1,151 cases of meningococcal disease in England and Wales. Over the same period in the previous five years, the figure has fluctuated between 1,397 cases in 1990 and 1,037 in 1994.

There were 136 deaths up to November 18. The entire year's total was 148 in 1994, and 173 in 1993. Most deaths occur in winter. A spokeswoman for the Public Health Laboratory Service, which monitors the disease, said the number in November was up on previous years. "The peak month is normally January. It may be that the season has started earlier this year," she said.

A couple whose seven-week-old baby died from meningitis last Friday are believed to be suffering from the illness. Both parents are being treated in Newcastle General Hospital. Doctors believe the baby may have caught the infection from its parents. A hospital spokeswoman said: "There has been an improvement in the condition of both parents, and both remain in hospital where they are receiving treatment." One parent tested positive for meningitis and the other will find out today.

A two-year-old girl has been taken ill with the infection for the second time. Aleisha Dean is being treated in Pontefract General Infirmary, West Yorkshire, where she was taken last week suffering from meningococcal septicaemia.

The girl recovered from an attack of meningitis a week after she was born, but was left with slight brain damage.

She was physically fit and had just started in a nursery class at Fieldhead Hospital School in Wakefield when she was struck down with a different strain of the bacterium. Jill Gomersall, her grandmother, said: "Aleisha is a fighter. She is not three until April but she has nearly died twice. We're just praying she is home for Christmas."

A spokeswoman for the hospital said: "It is unusual for the same victim to suffer such a brain bug twice, but Aleisha is doing very well."

The bacteria that cause the most severe form of meningitis can be spread only by direct personal contact — for example, by kissing, sharing a glass or a cigarette or, among young children, sharing a lollipop. The bacteria are not airborne in the accepted sense and cannot survive outside the body. Only in extreme cases can they be spread by coughing and sneezing.

One in ten of the population carries the bacteria that cause meningitis in the back of their nose and throat, but are naturally immune.

The bacteria cause inflammation of the meninges, the membrane surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Most deaths are caused by a complication of meningitis called meningococcal septicaemia, in which the infection is spread throughout the body by the bloodstream, causing a sharp drop in blood pressure and multiple organ failure.

Early treatment with large doses of antibiotics given direct into a vein can save lives but in some cases the disease strikes so fast and is so overwhelming that no treatment is effective.

Symptoms of meningitis are fever, severe headache, nausea and vomiting, dislike of light and a stiff neck. This is followed by drowsiness and in some cases loss of consciousness. In about half of cases there is also a blotchy red rash. Symptoms of meningococcal septicaemia are fever with vomiting, rash, cold hands and feet, rapid breathing and pains in the stomach, muscles and joints.

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Jenny Cullen gained a distinction in her first-year examinations at Oxford

Hindley letter condemned as publicity stunt

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MYRA HINDLEY, the Moors murderer, is facing disciplinary action for allegedly breaking prison rules by sending a 5,000-word letter about her crimes to a national newspaper.

It also emerged yesterday that Hindley's mail is not routinely read because she is a Category B rather than a Category A prisoner. A category A inmate is one whose escape would be "dangerous to the public, police or the security of the State".

Prison staff have also begun an inquiry into whether a third party was involved in smuggling the letter out of Durham jail and sending it to *The Guardian*. The 12-page letter, sent by recorded delivery, in which Hindley takes "full responsibility" for her part in the killings was condemned as a publicity stunt and a forerunner to an application for parole.

Hindley, 53, who is in the hospital wing of Durham prison, was told last year that she would never be released. She is understood to have made representations to the Home Office about the decision and is due to have a parole board review of her case within the next few weeks. The next review after that will not be carried out until 2005.

In her letter, Hindley admitted that she was "corrupt, wicked and evil" at the time of the Moors murders 30 years ago. But in writing to *The Guardian* about the case, Prison Service officials believe Hindley may have broken prison rules which forbid inmates from sending out articles for publications that relate to their offences.

However, the rules are open to interpretation. They say that prisoners cannot correspond about their offences "unless it is a serious contribution to debate about crime and offending".

If Hindley were to be disciplined by the governor of the jail, she could argue that the article was a serious contribution to argument about criminality and offending behaviour. The governor at Durham could discipline Hindley, jailed in 1966 for her part in the Moors murders, by docking money from her £2.50p a week wages, stopping her visiting the prison shop or stopping her watching television. As she is serving life, it would be pointless to add extra time to her sentence.

Michael Howard was urged by one backbench Conservative MP to consider curbing prisoners' access to the media. Roger Gale, chairman of the Conservative media committee, said: "I am becoming increasingly concerned at the manner in which convicted criminals are given access to a media desperate for salacious stories to assist them in their circulation war.

"What has been published is a 5,000-word publicity stunt on behalf of a murderess, some of whose victims — the families of those she killed — will, of course, never be released from their suffering."

Peter Topping, a detective involved in the Moor murders inquiry, said he believed the letter was part of a build-up to a parole application. He told Sky News: "Behind the letter is a plea for public sympathy. She has one aim, and that is to obtain parole, and there will be, in this letter, a build up to that sort of application."

Hindley and Ian Brady, her lover, were jailed for killing Lesley Ann Downey, 10, and Edward Evans, 17. Brady was also convicted of murdering John Kilbride, 12. They later admitted killing Pauline Reade, 16, and 12-year-old Keith Bennett.

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Hindley: her letters are not routinely read

Man hit in gang attack improves

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

A MAN who was critically injured in an incident involving a gang of youths was said yesterday to be recovering by the hour.

Paul Brighton, a father of two, underwent emergency surgery at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to relieve pressure on his brain

The hospital said Mr Brighton, 44, from Orton Waterville, near Peterborough, had improved slightly overnight and was in a satisfactory condition.

His wife Sue said: "Paul is doing far better than we could have hoped for at this time and is improving every hour."

Mr Brighton was injured on Saturday evening when he went out of his house after a beer can was thrown through a bathroom window.

Carl West, 19, of Peterborough, was remanded in custody for three weeks yesterday when he appeared at the city's magistrates' court charged with the attempted murder of Mr Brighton.

Four other male teenagers have been charged with public order offences in connection with events leading up to the incident. They were given police bail and will appear in court on February 6.

PC denies raping schoolgirl in back of police car

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A GIRL aged 15 told a jury yesterday that she was raped in the back seat of a police car by a PC who found her collapsed in the street after she sniffed butane gas.

PC Adam Grice-Roberts, 32, admits having unlawful sexual intercourse with the girl, who lived at a children's home in North Wales but had been visiting her family in Blackpool for the Easter weekend. He denies rape.

The girl, who denied telling the officer that she was 17, was giving evidence by video link from a room inside Preston Crown Court. She claimed that Grice-Roberts, of Hutton, near Preston, had first indecently assaulted her and then raped her after taking her to Blackpool Central police station.

The girl had not complained until nearly 12 hours later, when she rang the children's helpline ChildLine.

"I was shocked," she told the court. "I didn't think a policeman would do this sort of thing. I didn't think anyone would believe me."

Roger Farley, QC, for the defence, suggested that when Grice-Roberts had found the girl in an alley, she had told him that she sniffed gas because "it makes me warm and want to have sex", and that she had touched him provocatively on the way into the police station. The girl denied this. She also denied that once they were in the car together she had invited the policeman to have sex.

She admitted that, because of the effects of the gas she was sniffing, she had not told Grice-Roberts to stop while they were having intercourse.

"I tried to get out of the way, I didn't want it to happen," said the girl, who broke down in tears twice during cross-examination by Mr Farley. "I didn't want this policeman on top of me. But I thought 'I am high, let it happen'."

Guy Gozem, for the prosecution, said: "The girl did not consent. She was insensible from sniffing gas. She was in no condition to decide whether to consent or not."

The girl is said to have told police: "I was really out of it. At the time I didn't even know what was going on. I knew he was having sex but I was high."

The trial continues today.

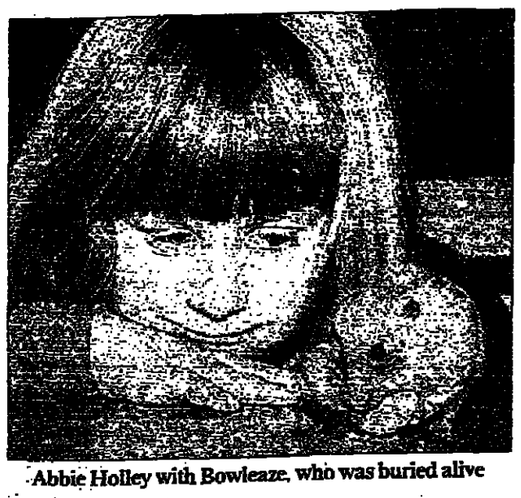
Judge D. Griffiths

A report (October 6) "Attacker 'should have sent bouquet' ", based on material accepted in good faith from a news agency, suggested that the judge at Winchester Crown Court, Judge David Griffiths, had embarrassed the victim of an indecent assault by calling her into court and insensitively suggesting she accept flowers and compensation for what she had suffered.

In fact, to spare the woman embarrassment, the judge asked for her to be privately interviewed outside the court. On her subsequent attendance at court, at her behest, the judge said that the woman had tried to have the charge withdrawn, and that he believed that the defendant's offence was wholly out of character. It was then that the judge, when making a £500 compensation order in the woman's favour, said to the defendant, who had no previous conviction, "had you made an apology and sent her a bunch of flowers, all this would have been ... forgiven".

We apologise for the embarrassment caused to Judge Griffiths by the publication of our incorrect report, and to Judge David Griffiths, the resident judge at Maidstone Crown Court, who was in no way involved in the case.

Buried hamster survives big sleep



Abbie Holley with Bowleaze, who was buried alive

BY A STAFF REPORTER

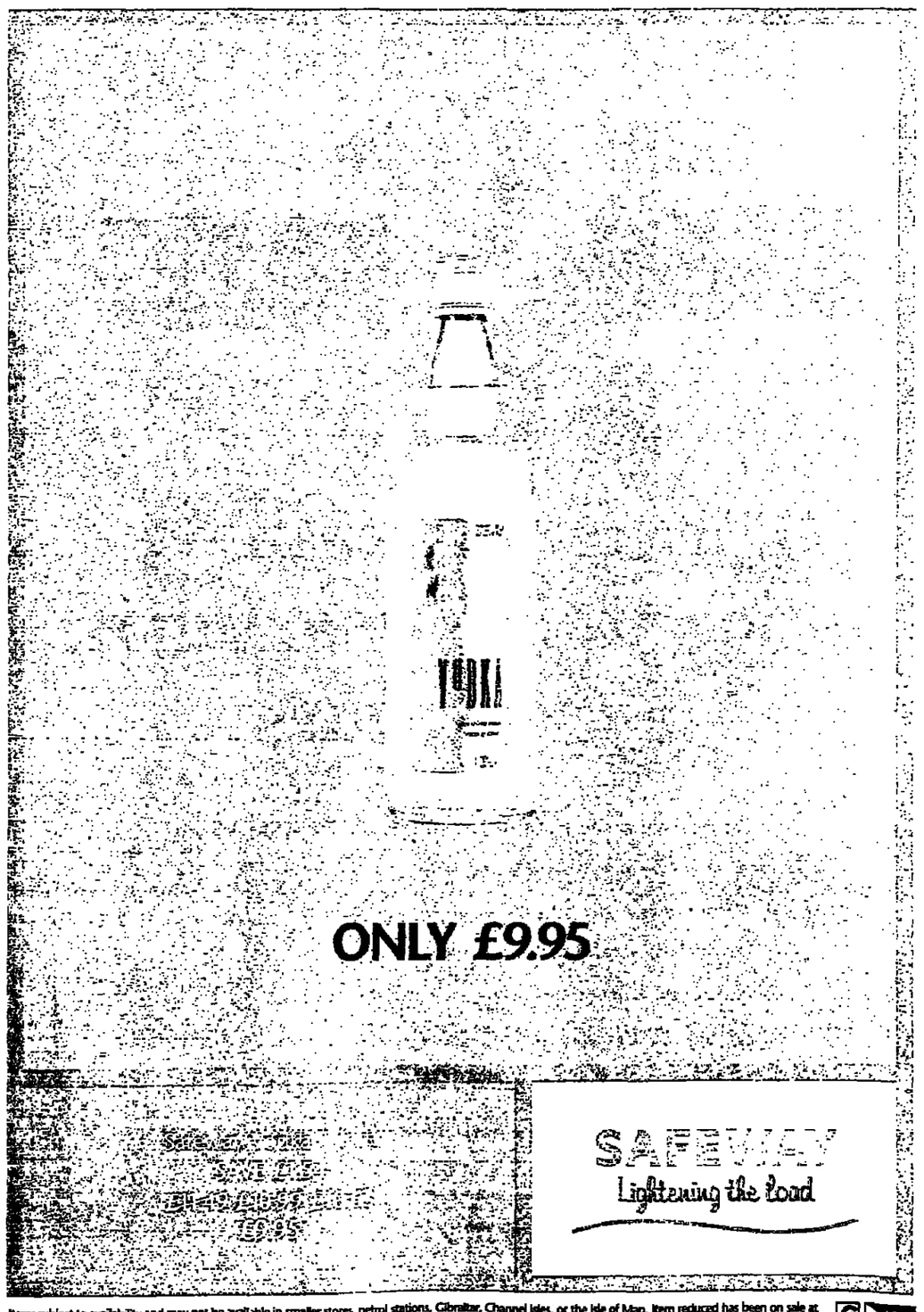
A HIBERNATING hamster was recovering at home yesterday after being buried for 2½ hours because his owners thought he was dead.

Six-year-old Abbie Holley thought Bowleaze had frozen to death when he was found stiff and motionless in his cage in the garden shed. Abbie's mother Linda, 41, had put Bowleaze into the shed during the recent cold snap because of his "slight pong".

When the family thought he was dead he was laid to rest beneath a laburnum tree under two feet of earth at the bottom of the garden. Abbie's father Rodney, 38, then discovered that hamsters go into hibernation when the temperature drops.

The family hurriedly dug Bowleaze up and took him into the house in Bishop's Lydeard, Somerset, where he soon showed signs of life. Mrs Holley said: "It's a warning to other owners to make sure their hamster isn't just hibernating if it appears dead."

David Steele, an RSPCA chief inspector, said a hamster may hibernate if the temperature drops below 16C (61F). "Many people may be unaware of it because they keep their pets indoors in a nice warm atmosphere."



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Breakthrough backs ministers' claims

Tests show 'species barrier' may save humans from BSE

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

EXPERIMENTS with genetically engineered mice have yielded the first positive evidence that humans will not catch "mad cow" disease from eating the beef of infected cattle.

Researchers say their work suggests that BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) will have great difficulty in jumping the species barrier between cows and human beings.

The findings, the first hard support for ministers' assertions that beef is safe, will come as a huge relief to the beleaguered livestock industry, which has seen beef sales fall by about 15 per cent over the past fortnight.

The fears about BSE centre on the possibility of the agent that causes it triggering off a similar brain infliction, Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, in humans. The Government has always insisted there is no evidence that BSE is a threat to humans. But as a precautionary measure it has banned certain types of offal, such as the brain and spinal cord, which are most likely to contain the BSE agent, from human consumption.

The research, to be published in the science magazine *Nature* on Thursday, has been carried out by John Collinge, a leading neurologist, and a team of colleagues at St Mary's Hospital Medical School in Paddington, west London.

Professor Collinge, one of four additional experts appointed to the Government's advisory committee on BSE last week, described the research results as reassuring so far but cautioned that they were "certainly not a definitive answer as regards a risk to humans".

He added: "It must be appreciated that even the presence of a highly effective species barrier between cows and humans does not exclude the possibility that a few cases of BSE transmission to humans might still occur, given the very large numbers of people that have been exposed."

Professor Collinge said he was still worried by the recent teenage cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD). It was extremely unusual for CJD, a rare condition that affects fewer than one in a million people, to occur in anyone under the age of 20. BSE could not yet be ruled out as a possible explanation.

The experiments at St Mary's involve the use of mice implanted with the human genes that produce a type of protein known as a prion. The protein occurs naturally in humans and other animals in a version peculiar to each host species.

The infectious agent which causes CJD, BSE and other spongiform encephalopathies is thought to be a rogue form of the prion that converts the normal protein into more of the rogue form in a chain reaction that eventually destroys the brain.

Scientists injected infected tissue from CJD victims directly into the brain of some of the mice. The animals developed spongiform encephalopathy within 200 days, indicating that the CJD agent had interacted with the human-type protein in the mice.

That was not surprising as it is known that CJD can pass from human to human, albeit in unusual circumstances. This was tragically shown in the group of young people who developed CJD after being injected by surgeons with growth hormone taken unwittingly from the cadavers of other CJD victims.



Blakemore: encouraged by research findings

Another group of mice were inoculated with BSE tissue from the brains of infected cows. So far — 270 days after injection — these mice still show no sign of illness. They will continue to be monitored until they either succumb to the disease or die of old age in about 18 months.

Colin Blakemore, Waynflete Professor of Physiology at Oxford University, who caused a stir two weeks ago by disclosing that he had stopped eating beef because of BSE, called the findings encouraging. But he said he would not be going back to beef just yet.

The National Farmers' Union welcomed the results. Stephen Rossides, head of livestock, said: "These are preliminary results but they go some way to confirming that the species barrier is very effective, as we always believed."

Some 1,000 schools have removed beef from their lunch menus amid mounting public concern and repeated assurances from Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture, and Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, that BSE poses no danger. Mr Hogg was also forced to tighten regulations at abattoirs after inspectors found that spinal cord, one of the tissues known to be capable of carrying BSE, was not always fully removed from carcasses prepared for human consumption.

If BSE has passed to humans, epidemiologists would expect in time to see an increase in CJD deaths. The number of CJD cases did rise in 1994 to 55, up from 42 in 1993, and slightly above the previous peak of 51 in 1992, but that was probably due to more diligent reporting.

SIMON WALKER



Lesley Edwards talking through problems with a teenage cancer patient

Wise words can spur a child to fight cancer

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE TIMES Christmas Appeal in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospital — CHILDREN'S CANCER UNIT

EVERY month of the year the parents of about a hundred children in Britain are told that their child has cancer. Their first reaction is invariably severe shock, accompanied by grief and sometimes despair. Counselling has become an overworked term today but in such cases it is pre-eminently necessary.

At the Royal Marsden Hospital in Sutton, south London, the main task of consoling and advising the children and their parents, once the doctors have broken the bad news, falls to Lesley Edwards. Aged 31, she took a degree in psychology at the London School of Economics, did postgraduate training at the Institute of Psychiatry, and now works at the Royal Marsden as a child and adolescent clinical psychologist. "If children are old enough to understand the implications they, and even more likely the parents, are still in a state of shock. Even if it has subsided a bit, there is still the fear that cancer is a killer. For most people it is associated with pain and death. A typical reaction is that a relative died of cancer, so the child will die too.

"We all try to be as open and informative as possible, not to hide anything and to let the family know exactly what is going on. When we say family, we also have to take into account any siblings at home."

Many people still believe there is some stigma in being confronted by a "shrink", Ms Edwards concedes. "But for parents, having a child with cancer literally changes their whole lives."

In most cases they have to get used to living apart, with one residing in the hospital and the other at home. Spending all day and every day in the ward obviously leads to boredom, particularly if the child is having school lessons somewhere else. That is partly alleviated by friendships between parents, sometimes between most unlikely people, which frequently become deep and long lasting.

As for the children, they tend to feel different from others, Ms Edwards observes. Adolescents become irritated by what they see as the triviality of their contemporaries' concerns. If they have had bone marrow transplants and know that they are infertile, they may say: "What's the point of having a girlfriend or a boyfriend if I can't have children?"

As well as fear and depression, patients also have to contend with uncertainty, particularly at the end of a course of treatment when it is still not clear whether it has been effective.

The most demanding part of Ms Edwards's work is helping incurable patients and their families come to terms with death and bereavement. "On the whole children react better than their parents," she says. "I think the death of a child is the worst thing one ever has to face."

Ms Edwards's work is supported by Dr Steve Warren, 37, a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist who spends one day a week at the Royal Marsden Children's Cancer Unit.

One of his main tasks is to help to advise the unit's staff on the social and psychological issues facing the children in their care. Nurses, in particular, need to learn to recognise symptoms of distress such as disturbed behaviour, moodiness and depression. Many patients have difficulty in adjusting to the knowledge that they have cancer.

The shock that parents feel on learning that their child has cancer is often accompanied by anger and frustration, Dr Warren says. Why us, they ask. But their mood usually improves as they are given more information about treatment. "Some remain hopeless and apprehensive, expecting everything to go wrong. Others seem positively to accept the challenge, and are even galvanised by it. They turn their minds to what is best to do, and to the sacrifices which may be necessary."

The children's reactions vary greatly. The very young are not aware of what faces them, but teenagers, who are just getting used to a degree of independence, suddenly find they once again need parental care, Dr Warren says.

Some become taciturn, frustrated by the interruption to their school life and to examinations. Deprived of the all-important companionship of their contemporaries, they can become morose.

But not all. "Some children seem to become more assertive and independent. It is almost as if they are stimulated by the challenge and determined to win."

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Rival presses on to Pole as Briton returns

BY STEPHEN FARRELL



Ousland: only 95 miles short of South Pole



Mear: would have been foolhardy to go on

A NORWEGIAN explorer pressed on with his attempt to walk to the South Pole yesterday as his team sent condolences to his British rival, who pulled out of the 1,700-mile trek with a broken sledge.

In an echo of Scott and Amundsen's 1911 race to the South Pole, Roger Mear, 45, and Borge Ousland were vying to complete the first unsupported solo crossing of Antarctica.

But Mr Mear abandoned his attempt on Saturday after equipment failure. He flew yesterday to Punta Arenas, in southern Chile, and told his back-up team in Britain: "When things go wrong Antarctica is one of the cruellest most unforgiving places on earth and it would have been foolhardy to go on."

As the Briton prepared to return home Mr Ousland trudged on, just 95 miles short of the Pole. He then faces an 875-mile journey back.

The Norwegian is unaware of Mr Mear's withdrawal. Both men carried only one-way beacons to pass on locations and emergency signals. The two teams have been posting their progress on the worldwide Internet, and Mr Ousland's Oslo back-up people told the world their man was still going strong.

"Borge had a good day today," said the Internet message for December 16, the day Mr Mear quit. "He increased his distance and skied about 27km (17 miles).

"Speaking for the Borge Ousland expedition we are very sorry that Roger no more is part of the 'race'. We know he has put down a tremendous work in his preparations and we feel for him. It must have been a hard decision to take."

Mr Mear was picked up by a Twin Otter aircraft after raising the alarm at midday on Saturday. He flew to Patriot Hills, and from there to Punta Arenas by Hercules. The British explorer said that design changes to the sledge runners aimed at pushing the equipment to its limits did not stand up to the "gruelling and challenging" conditions.

"Two weeks after I set off there were unforeseen serious problems with the tracking of the sledge," he said. "It would not follow me correctly and was pulling from side to side, which meant that I was continually expending an enormous amount of energy correcting its course." The strain broke titanium poles and delays meant he would have run out of food before the expedition finished.

"I was in a vulnerable position in an area where winds reach 100mph. I knew that if my tent was destroyed I could not survive."

Mr Mear said he had been encouraged by the success of his other equipment, including the heat-saving tent and parawing kite that speeded his progress. The farthest he travelled in one day was 58 miles.

"My first thoughts when the rescue plane arrived were 'Thank God', because I knew weather conditions could worsen at any time, and then there might have been no way out." His wife Ghazala travelled to London from their Derbyshire home last night. He is expected to return to Britain on Thursday.

Tube buskers take fight to Europe

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

TWO buskers are turning to Europe this week in their fight for the right to perform on London Underground. Michael Kay, 51 — platform name, Bongo Mike — and Jeremy Helm, 45, have spent more than a decade battling unsuccessfully in the British courts.

Busking on trains, subways and streets is banned under various bylaws. British Transport Police say there are about 2,000 busking offences reported each year but only about 10 per cent are prosecuted.

The pair's campaign, which has involved countless arrests, prosecutions and fines, led to the House of Lords this summer, where they were refused leave to bring an appeal to the highest court of the land.

London Underground maintains it has no power to grant licences to street musicians, and says that such a system would be difficult to police. The two buskers launched judicial review proceedings over this policy and in July 1989 the divisional court upheld London Underground's case.

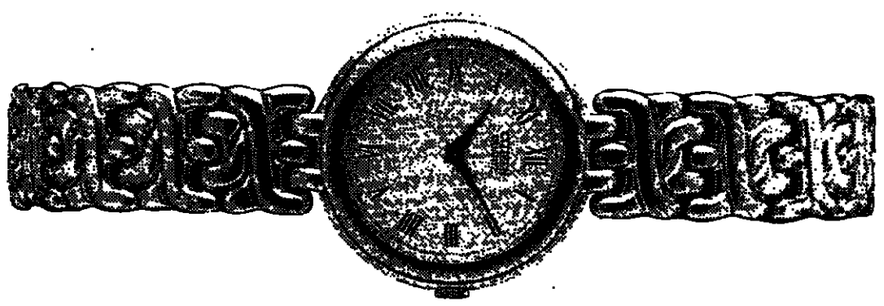
The Court of Appeal backed that ruling in 1991 and then in July 1995 leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused by the lords' appeals committee. The only route now is to take their case to Europe, alleging a breach of their right to freedom of expression under article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights. Each time they go to court the pair, who share a flat in Brixton and sing and play guitar, banjo and kazoo, have had to rely on legal aid. "On every occasion we have been refused although we have got it eventually," said Mr Kay. "So it's been a battle with the legal system as well as everything else."

The judges, he added, made clear their views. "Lord Justice Watkins said that Walkmans were bad enough on the trains but buskers were even worse. But we believe in the art of what we are doing — we believe our performances have artistic meaning, that they are a statement in society."

Busking on the Underground had been given a bad name, he conceded: "A lot of people do it very badly."

A spokesman for London Underground said that there were several reasons for opposing busking. "Everyone remembers the good buskers — but there are also the bad ones and the drunk ones. And we do get a number of complaints: people don't always like buskers, particularly on trains where they feel they are being preyed on and they can't get away."

Buskers were a safety hazard. "They tend to stand in the busiest places, such as the bottom of escalators, and the music can also drown out safety announcements."



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Compulsory clocking off scrapped

Burger King gives £106,000 to staff on unpaid breaks

BY ADRIAN LEE

THE fast food chain Burger King has given £106,000 compensation to 900 workers who were told to take unpaid breaks when business was quiet.

The deal followed a campaign by Labour and unions that highlighted "exploitation" of young staff. One worker at a branch in Glasgow was paid £1 for a five-hour shift.

The workers, including some who have left Burger King, received back payment of £118 each on average. The campaign against low pay was started by Michael Griffiths, 17, a trainee teacher from Bishopbriggs, Glasgow.

Mr Griffiths, now 18, who received £98 backpay, said yesterday: "I am very pleased, not just for myself but for all the other workers at Burger King who couldn't speak out because they still work there. I am surprised the company paid up but it makes the stand I took worthwhile.

"They sent me a letter with the money saying they were glad I had brought the matter to their attention. I bet they were! It is good that something has been done and, hopefully, it will stop other companies ripping off their workers in the same way."

Mr Griffiths thought he had been hired for £3.10 an hour but found that staff were asked to take unpaid breaks in a staff room when the restaurant was quiet. He wanted extra money to supplement his student grant but spent much of his time clocked off.

He said: "I was paying for their lack of business. Some days I would get less than £1 and I never got my full five hours' pay." Once he clocked on at 6.10pm only to be told to take an unpaid break because there was little business. He said: "I had to give up the job after three weeks because I wasn't making money."

Burger King, which has 350 branches nationwide, said it was not company policy to force employees to clock off when restaurants were not busy and blamed "misuse of scheduling" for the dispute.

Craig Bushey, the managing director of Burger King for Western Europe, said in a letter to Ian McCartney, a Labour employment spokesman: "I hope that the action taken by Burger King puts this issue to rest and demonstrates our commitment to equitable employment practices."

He said the total number of people receiving back pay included some workers who were due to work extra hours but chose to go home.

"Because it was not possible to identify those occasions where people stopped work on a voluntary basis, we decided to compensate all staff who worked less hours than they had been scheduled.

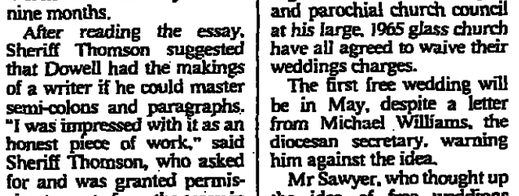
"Therefore the total number of people who received a payment is larger than those who were actually affected by misuse of rostering."

Mr McCartney welcomed the payout. He said: "Scrooge has backed down just in time for Christmas. It is a complete vindication of our campaign and the number of people involved shows the level of exploitation. I suspected the practice was widespread because of the numbers of letters I have received."

Burger King is owned by the Grand Metropolitan conglomerate, which made £654 million in pre-tax profits last year.

John Monks, the TUC General Secretary, who had condemned Burger King for using "virtual slave labour", said: "It shows that workers in large and small firms need the protection of a minimum wage." *John Edmonds, general* secretary of the GMB union, said: "We are delighted the company has opened its wallet to recompense workers. We will be watching like hawks to wipe out this practice from British workplaces."

Burger King would not say how many of its restaurants used the clocking-off procedure or whether any of its staff or franchise holders had been disciplined.



Michael Griffiths was paid £1 for a five-hour shift

MARC ASPLAND



Staff at Castle Ashby stand ready to serve paying guests at £650 each. The Marquess "loves the fact that the house is being used"

Stately homes welcome festive intruders

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

ONCE the Van Dycks had to be sold and the Bechstein grand pawned in the battle to keep stately homes going. Now aristocrats are finding that having paying guests over the festive season makes better economic sense.

Welcoming strangers into their Christmas is the latest extension of a trend that began with conferences and paying house-parties. Often the unique marketing advantage is lashings of personal involvement from the homeowners themselves.

Sophie Lillingston, who runs a company which specialises in finding locations, said: "*In the last couple* of years, more and more private stately homes are taking guests, though this is still a rarity at Christmas. I think there is a real pride now among owners in making their houses work at a very professional level."

The 14th-century Duns Castle, near Berwick-on-Tweed, is the turreted seat of the Hay family and has 14 bedrooms for paying guests over Christmas at £120 per person, which includes meals and drinks. Alexander Hay and his wife Aline will be hosting Christmas supper with their two children.

Mrs Hay said: "Having guests helps to keep the house warm and staffed. It also is nice for us to meet people who stay, and obviously it helps pay for the upkeep of the house."

Many of the paying guests were foreigners. Americans particularly enjoyed experiencing a slice of English aristocratic life. "The essence of the arrangement is that those visiting are in every respect treated as guests in a private home."

At Sudeley Castle, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, Lady Ashcombe is letting 14 cottages over Christmas, with prices ranging from £299 to £422. Only one is left to rent. And at Moyns Park, near Birdbrook, Essex, Lord and Lady Ivar Mountbatten, who entered the conference and meeting market 18 months ago, plan to open at Christmas next year. Among the market leaders is the Marquess of Northampton, who offers a four-day Christmas house party at Castle Ashby, his principal 26-bedroom home near Wellingborough, Northampton, owned by his family since 1574. The stay is complete with carols sung by the boys of the All Saints Church Choir from Northampton on Christmas Eve. The seventh Marquess and his wife will spend their own Christmas at their second country home, Compton Wynyates in Warwickshire.

JOHN SWANNELL



The Northamptons: Christmas at second home

Colin Sweeney, the deputy general manager of Castle Ashby said: "Is it sad? Yes and no. Of course the Marquess has very fond memories of the house as a child, but he loves the fact that the house is used."

The brochure boasts "old-fashioned afternoon tea" in the private drawing room, a five-course dinner in the galleried Great Hall, midnight mass in the Castle's own candlelit Chapel. Father Christmas on a recently rediscovered sleigh, a traditional Christmas lunch in the Reynolds room, which overlooks parkland designed by Capability Brown, time "to even snooze a little" and parlour games "in typical English country house tradition".

The cost for 50 guests is £650 plus VAT per person. They are mostly British, with about 40 per cent from America and Europe. This year Roy Hatwell, who works in insurance, is making a return visit with his wife Mary and his 19-year-old daughter Sarah. He said: "It is a tremendously pleasant place. For a few days, you feel as if you actually live the country house life."

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Sheriff's literary sentence

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

A SCOTTISH sheriff who ordered a defendant to write a 2,000-word essay on crime and punishment praised his "*management of sentences*" — and then gave him one of his own.

Sheriff Nigel Thomson had asked Alan Dowell to write the essay after hearing he had studied English while serving a previous term in jail. Dowell, 41, who admitted fraud, possessing cannabis and Ecstasy, completed the exercise but was still jailed for nine months.

After reading the essay, Sheriff Thomson suggested that Dowell had the makings of a writer if he could master semi-colons and paragraphs. "I was impressed with it as an honest piece of work," said Sheriff Thomson, who asked for and was granted permission to quote from the essay in his own speeches and writing.

Sentencing Dowell, from Edinburgh, Sheriff Thomson said: "I trust you will continue with your literary work in prison ... and make very good use of the obvious talent that you have."

Free weddings 'a clerical error'

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A VICAR who is offering free weddings to couples who are "living in sin" has been urged by diocesan officials to think *again. The Rev Derek Sawyer,* vicar of St Aldate's, Gloucester, has been told by Gloucester diocese that the Church of England would lose £20 million a year if all its clergy followed his example.

Mr Sawyer hopes to persuade couples to stop living out of wedlock by waiving the normal £200 wedding fee. The organist, florist, choir, vergers and parochial church council at his large, 1965 glass church have all agreed to waive their weddings charges.

The first free wedding will be in May, despite a letter from Michael Williams, the diocesan secretary, warning him against the idea.

Mr Sawyer, who thought up the idea of free weddings when working as a missionary in Mauritius, intends to make up the fees by asking the bridesmaids to take collections from the congregations.

He said: "They will be rather pretty and probably members of the family, so they will have a rapport with the congregation and get a better collection. If people are aware the service is free they will be more minded to be generous. If I raise only half as much as the normal cost but double the number of weddings I will have broken even and achieved my aim."

The Rev John Penny, diocesan spokesman, conceded that the diocese had no power to stop the free wedding scheme but said: "I am sure his motives are sound but putting this idea into practice will inevitably result in a loss of income to the church. Money to pay his salary will then have to be found elsewhere.

"We are appealing to his conscience. I am sure Mr Sawyer knows the situation and the consequences of waiving fees and we would hope he would have a sense of wider responsibility to the church."

Steve Jenkins, a spokesman for the Church of England, said: "A wedding takes place at a time when the church would not otherwise be in use and some sort of charge is relevant."

PC opens station at hospital

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A HOSPITAL where a patient was attacked with a machete is to have its own police station.

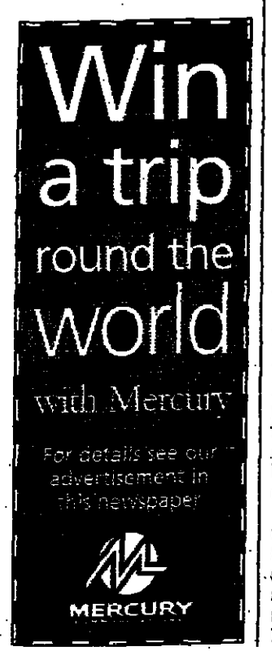
The blue light has gone up over the door of an office close to the casualty department of North Tyneside General Hospital in North Shields. PC Mark Arnold, community policeman for the surrounding area, will add the wards and public areas to his beat.

Much of his 20 hours a week at the hospital will be on the late shift watching the casualty unit where trouble has flared among drunks. In 1992 a man walked in and attacked a patient. Linda Naisbitt, a nurse, suffered an 8in back wound from the machete as she tried to protect the patient. She later received an award.

Northumbria Police said: "There is no special crime problem there. North Tyneside Health Care Trust are just the first to offer to put up the money." The trust will pay £12,750 of the annual costs.

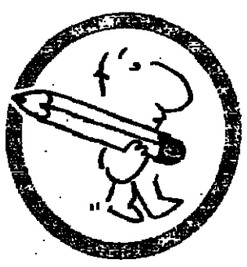
PC Arnold said: "Placing the office there means we have a private space to interview bereaved people and the victims of assaults."





Time to draw inspiration

BY ROBIN YOUNG





ASPIRING young cartoonists have only a few days left to enter their work for the Mel Calman Awards, the first in what is to be an annual competition to find the Young Cartoonist of the Year, sponsored by *The Times*.

The closing date for submissions is December 31. The awards, established in memory of the *Times* pocket cartoonist who died in February 1994 after years of giving wry pleasure to readers through his deceptively simple line drawings, are open to would-be cartoonists aged under 30 on the closing date.

The first prize is £1,500 and two runners-up will receive £500 each. There is also a special £500 prize for those aged under 18. The theme of the competition is Food & Drink, an appropriate one for young artists still seeking inspiration over Christmas.

Each entrant may submit up to two cartoons in any style, drawn or painted, on paper, board or card up to A3 in size. Collages will not be accepted, but the cartoons can be jokes or comic strips and can be political in content. Coloured or black and white submissions are acceptable.

Do not sign the work. Entries should be marked with the applicant's name, date of birth, address and telephone number on the back, and sent to The Mel Calman Awards 1995, PO Box 8383, London SE7 7ZL to arrive by December 31.

Seventeen Tories back Euro-rebels' demand for 200-mile exclusion zone in British waters

Labour whips recall MPs for 'close' fisheries vote

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR whips were last night frantically trying to recall their MPs for tonight's Commons vote on the European fisheries policy as up to 17 Tory MPs were threatening to defy the Government.

The eight former "whipless rebels" are expected to abstain or vote against the Government and Rupert Allason has also indicated that he will vote against. Five other Tories, David Porter, Toby Jessel, Bill Cash, and Nicholas and Ann Winteron may also abstain in what looks set to be a close vote.

As the number of rebels mounted, Labour business managers were trying to recall MPs from abroad. Last night they admitted that they were likely to be five to seven MPs short, including at least three backbenchers who are seriously ill. An additional five Labour MPs are away but paired with absent Tories.

Donald Dewar, the Labour Chief Whip, has made clear that he does not want to call in the "walking wounded" for what is merely a "take note" motion. If the Government loses it will not have to change its policy.

Government whips appeared confident that enough Opposition MPs would be away to ensure a victory for John Major. But the figures still look tight. All the Liberal Democrats are expected to turn up except two MPs who are paired. Eight of the nine Ulster Unionists are also expected to be present. The Unionists will finalise their position at a meeting of the parliamentary party at 6pm, one hour before the Commons vote. John Taylor, deputy leader of the party, has indicated that he hopes the party will vote together against the Government.

Labour revealed yesterday that it would not table a confidence motion on Wednesday if the Government is defeated as the Tories would inevitably rally round the Prime Minister on the day Parliament rises for the Christmas recess.

Last night the Euro-rebels tabled an amendment to the Government's motion calling for the United Kingdom to declare a 200-mile exclusion fishing zone. In addition they want the Government to pledge in its next election manifesto that Britain will resume control of its fishing waters — in effect abandoning the commons fisheries policy.

John Wilkinson, MP for Ruislip Northwood, said: "We want to make clear to our community partners that to preserve our stocks we need to take this action and we expect the Government to support us in so doing." He insisted that the move was not "anti-Major or anti-Government".

David Harris, MP for St Ives, who has voted against the Government in other fishing debates said that he would reserve his position until he had seen Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, to hear his negotiating position on fishing quotas. Later this week Mr Baldry meets other fisheries ministers in Brussels to discuss the amount of fish that can be caught in British waters.

BUt Mr Harris said: "I certainly have no desire to dance to the tune of the sceptics, whose position is quite bogus. Nor do I want to side with the Labour Party, which is indulging in political opportunism. But if I find that it is my only way to protect my fishermen against unreasonable cuts than I shall vote against."



Rupert Allason, left, who has indicated his intention to vote against the Government, and David Porter and Nicholas Winterton, who are thought likely to abstain. Several more Tories will abstain or vote with Labour

Major accused of concealing his impotence with a figleaf

BY JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL REPORTER

TORY divisions on Europe have consigned the Prime Minister to weakness and indecision and left the Government's policy in tatters, Tony Blair told the Commons yesterday.

The Labour leader said that Mr Major had been left "utterly powerless" at the Madrid summit, where he had reaffirmed the Maastricht timetable for monetary union despite his objections. "Whatever happened to those great new alliances we kept reading you had built and your constant claims that the rest of Europe was coming round to your way of thinking?" Mr Blair asked him. "Why were you driven to concealing your impotence with the figleaf of some study into the effects of a single currency that was so threadbare it was an embarrassment to behold?"

Replying to Mr Major's statement on the summit, Mr Blair said that no one knew whether the Prime Minister wanted a single currency delayed or the plans for it abandoned. "We don't know what the Government's position is because one half of your party believes, as we do, that it depends on Britain's national economic interests, while the other part of your party believes there is an insuperable constitutional objection to monetary union."

The Tory divisions were so deep that they consigned Mr Major "perpetually to weakness and indecision on the very issue that matters". It was no longer tolerable for such divisions to prevent a proper national debate on a single currency. "The Government's European policy after Madrid is still in tatters and uncertain. This issue has been suppressed for too long and time is running out."

Mr Major pointed to Labour's divisions over Europe and accused Mr Blair of being willing to decide on "the most important single economic issue we have faced this century without the facts".

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, accused Mr Major of ducking difficult decisions on Europe, using "obstructionism abroad and appeasement at home".

Mr Major angrily accused Mr Ashdown of speaking "unadulterated rubbish" and of knowing so little about Europe that he could not even understand some of the issues.

Sir Giles Shaw (C, Pudsey) backed Mr Major's policy of not ruling out joining a single currency in the next Parliament. "He is absolutely right to occupy the crease and bat for Britain as long as it takes."

Bill Cash (C, Stafford) said that the Government had "sold the past" at Madrid because it had failed to oppose the determination of Germany and France to pursue political union. "We must soon, in a White Paper or by some other means, ensure that we do longer go down the route of political union."

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Possibility remains of joining EMU in 1999

The Tory Euro-sceptics have had a bad week. They have failed to tie the Prime Minister down to ruling out British involvement in a single currency in the lifetime of the next Parliament. And none of the criteria laid down by John Major would be an insurmountable barrier to British participation.

Mr Major has become a master of opaqueness. He may make sceptical signals, stressing the "very serious questions" involved in introducing a single currency. But nothing he said at the Madrid summit, or in the Commons yesterday, amounts to never. No wonder Kenneth Clarke looked happy as he sat alongside Mr Major.

In contrast with his previous doubts, the Prime Minister conceded yesterday the message of Madrid, bluntly put by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, that some countries were likely to go ahead with a single, or rather core, currency at the end of the century. However, "only a small number of member states" will meet the financial criteria if one is introduced in January 1999. The majority of current, and prospective, European Union members would not be ready to join for "very many years". This is in line with Mr Clarke's estimate that there is a 60-40 chance that Germany and France will initiate at least a core monetary union at the end of the century.

Mr Major also dashed the other hope of the sceptics that Britain could not join a single currency since sterling would not be part of the fixed exchange-rate mechanism for two years, as set out under the qualifying rules. The Prime Minister confirmed that the Government did not propose to take sterling back into the ERM in the next Parliament, but added that the original Maastricht rules no longer applied. The ERM which existed at the time of the Maastricht treaty no longer exists: therefore if the original rules applied no country would be able to enter a single currency.

Stripped of all the deliberate ambiguities, Mr Major wants to ensure that any monetary union does not begin and then fail, regardless of whether Britain is a participant. Moreover, arrangements should be made to ensure that Britain and other non-participants should not suffer by remaining outside such a core currency. Hence, all options should remain open until spring 1998 when decisions have to be taken on the founding countries.

The main difference from Labour's position is one of tone. Mr Major stresses the difficulties, while Tony Blair, like Mr Clarke, emphasises the opportunities. In both cases, it will depend on the economic and political circumstances of the time.

A Conservative Government, even a re-elected one with Mr Major in a presumably much stronger position, would probably not join a single currency at first such are the internal party tensions. Probably, but not definitely. If monetary union was a reality, rather than a plan, the attitudes of the City, business and many Tory MPs might be different.

A Labour government would be more inclined to join from the start. But Mr Blair would have to overcome the doubts of many of his senior colleagues, let alone the largely ageing group of Labour sceptics. His decision would depend on the timing. If Germany and France decided to go ahead in spring 1998, that would probably be only a year into the life of a Labour government when it might still be reasonably popular. But if a decision was delayed much later, say to 1999 or 2000, his government could be suffering from mid-term unpopularity and it would be consequently harder to push through a decision to join a single currency.

Either way, a referendum is now a virtual certainty. If Douglas Hurd is in favour, purist defenders of parliamentary sovereignty like Sir Terence Higgins are unlikely to prevail. British membership of a single currency is still unlikely this century, but it is not impossible.

PETER RIDDELL

Tories begin to pick women candidates

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

GRASSROOTS Tories are beginning to respond to Central Office pressure for the selection of more women candidates.

The party has been alarmed at the success of Labour's women-only shortlists and fears an equal opportunities disaster if it fails to get more than a dozen women into Parliament at the next election. In the past month the first four women have been chosen for safe Tory seats.

Eleanor Laing, who was chosen for Epping Forest this weekend, is the most striking example that the pressure is taking effect. The constituency, where the Tories have a 20,188 majority, was sold the merits of a woman candidate in briefings from Central Office. Officials have been telling associations that women are less likely to be involved in sex scandals, tend to be more conscientious constituency MPs and and on average get more votes than men.

Ms Laing, 37, is a former ministerial adviser and Scottish lawyer and has fought the tough Labour seat of Paisley North. She had applied unsuccessfuly to 12 other seats but the Epping Forest Tories chose her from 250 applicants.



Laing: chosen from 250

She opposes positive discrimination. "We are getting there and we did it fairly so the men can't winge."

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to National Heritage ministers were followed by statements on the EU summit in Madrid and on rail franchising, and a debate on the Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants Bill).

In the Lords: debate on the Criminal Procedures and Investigation Bill, committee stage.

TODAY in the Commons: questions to Environment Ministers and the Prime Minister, followed by a debate on the Common Fisheries Policy, opened by Tony Baldry, Agriculture and Fisheries Minister, followed by Gavin Strang, the Shadow Agriculture and Fisheries Minister.

In the Lords: debates on Lords' procedure and on the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill, committee stage.

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250,000 staff sent home in fresh US budget tussle

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

MORE than 250,000 federal workers were sent home yesterday as America's second partial government shutdown in a month stretched into its third day.

President Clinton last night invited Republican congressional leaders to the White House in yet another bid to resolve before Christmas the deadlock over a long-term budget plan. It should have been agreed by the start of the fiscal year on October 1.

The latest shutdown affects only nine government departments, and the most obvious immediate consequence is the closure of all national parks and museums. The public is, however, disgusted by what it regards as Washington's political game-playing. After months of negotiations, the President and the Republicans have narrowed their differences to $300 billion (£194 billion) over seven years, but each is holding out for a clear-cut victory they can flaunt in next year's congressional and presidential elections.

Republicans want to boast of forcing the White House to agree a credible plan to eliminate the budget deficit by 2002, restoring America's economic health and rolling back "big government" in the process. President Clinton wants to be able to say that he protected health, education and other social programmes from the Republicans.



Clinton: offer of further talks with Republicans

So far Mr Clinton has been winning the public relations battle and there are signs of tactical divisions emerging in the Republican ranks.

Newt Gingrich, the Speaker, and his fellow House Republicans want to keep the Government shut to sustain the pressure on Mr Clinton to agree to their tough balanced budget plan. Robert Dole, the Senate leader, believes that that strategy is playing into Mr Clinton's hands by making the Republican Congress look extreme. He favours a measure to reopen the Government while the budget talks continue, but with a sharp reduction in state funding.

Mr Dole, apparently confident that he has tied up the Republican presidential nomination after months of pandering to his party's powerful conservative wing, is edging back to the political centre in other ways too.

In recent days, he has backed the deployment of American troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina despite vigorous conservative opposition, has spoken out against a constitutional amendment banning all abortions, and hinted that he might ask General Colin Powell, an avowed moderate, to be his running-mate.

As the primary season looms, Mr Dole's grip on the Republican presidential nomination does look unusually strong.

He is far ahead of his rivals in the polls, he has a huge war-chest, and 19 of America's 31 Republican governors have already backed his campaign.

The greater danger for Mr Dole is that he has moved so far to the right in his courting of conservatives that he will find it hard to capture the key centrist vote in the general election.

Indeed, the same polls that make him the favourite for the Republican nomination show he is now trailing Mr Clinton by ten to 15 points.

Time magazine named Mr Gingrich as its 1995 Man of the Year at the weekend but, although it acknowledged that he had changed the political debate "like no other politician in recent history", it also asserted that he had "become the greatest liability to the revolution he launched". A *Time* opinion poll showed that 63 per cent believed the House Speaker was too extreme.



A policeman calms the crowd in Cité Soleil, one of Port-au-Prince's worst slums, after gunmen attempted to scare residents into not voting

Aristide to be power behind throne

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

LOW voter turnout has cast a shadow over Sunday's presidential election in Haiti, the smoothest and least violent since independence in 1804. Turnout is estimated at 25 per cent nationally, and as low as 12 per cent in some parts of the capital, Port-au-Prince. Analysts blame apathy and anger.

There was never any doubt that the winner would be René Préval, a close friend of the outgoing President, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

However, many Haitians did not want the elections to be held and were opposed to Mr Aristide, the charismatic former priest, giving up his office.

Although the constitution bars a President from holding consecutive terms, they argue that Mr Aristide was forced to spend three of the five years of his presidential term in exile because of a military coup.

The lame result not only casts doubt on the legitimacy of Mr Préval's presidency, but also guarantees Mr Aristide's power behind the throne, with the potential to undermine key economic reforms Mr Préval must push through quickly to keep international aid flowing.

American policymakers say the election marks an important step towards political stability in Haiti, and that the country now looks set for its first ever democratic transition from one elected leader to another.

But the Clinton Administration may be too eager to paint a rosy picture of Haiti's future and of the accomplishments of the 14-month-old international effort to put the country back on its feet after decades of military rule.

The main concern of American officials is not Haiti's presidential election, but the US election in November. If Haiti were to unravel, President Clinton might have a hard time explaining to American taxpayers why he spent so much money sending troops there.



Préval: chosen to be Aristide's successor

Murder rate at lowest level for 35 years

Washington: A combination of ageing gangsters, better efforts by police, and a cultural revolution against crime has led to the sharpest drop in the US murder rate since 1960 (Tom Rhodes writes).

Figures released yesterday show a fall of 12 per cent in murders for the first half of this year, the most prominent dip in 35 years.

Experts said the figures suggested a more mature American drug market, in which gangs had discovered ways to settle disputes without resorting to violence.

"There may well be another factor, a real cultural revolution," said Jack Levin, of Northeastern University in Boston. "I've never seen so many people willing to address the issue of violence ... they're scared to death and their views are beginning to take hold."

Inflated profits in the bag for car thieves

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

FORGET radios, hubcaps or bonnet mascots. Car thieves in America have now turned their attention to a new target — front-seat airbags.

Increasingly, motorists are finding that when they return to their car the steering wheel cover has been torn off and the airbag taken. An accomplished thief can deftly "lift" an airbag in only 30 seconds: all it apparently takes is a couple of wire snips followed by a practised yank.

Charles Schummer, a New York congressman, said: "Airbag [pinching] has become the favourite crime of those involved in auto theft." In New York alone it has increased by 80 per cent in the past three years. Elsewhere in the United States, the National Insurance Crime Bureau expects a 20 per cent rise in such thefts over the next two years.

There is a thriving second-hand market for these stolen airbags. Back-street garages will pay $100 (£65) a time, using them to replace bags that have opened in minor accidents.

Airbags are so sensitive that they are activated by the slightest shunt and, once inflated, can not normally be used again. The official price for a replacement can be as much as $1,500. A crooked garage proprietor can therefore make as much as $1,400 a job.

"If it wasn't for corrupt repair shops, airbag theft would not exist," a National Insurance Crime Bureau spokesman said.

The demand will probably increase, since federal regulations will soon demand that airbags should be used by both the driver and the front-seat passengers.

A range of airbag protection devices is slowly coming on to the market, but for the moment most of the thieves are having a very clear and lucrative run.

Roh admits destroying bribery evidence

FROM REUTER IN SEOUL

THE former South Korean President, Roh Tae Woo, on the first day of his trial for bribery, yesterday admitted taking huge amounts of money from businessmen but denied granting favours. He also said he had destroyed key evidence.

Mr Roh, eight business tycoons and six others went on trial in the Seoul District Criminal Court in connection with a £422 million slush fund that the former head of state confessed to amassing while in office from 1988 to 1993.

The retired general has been charged with taking £238 million in kickbacks from 35 businesses in exchange for lucrative infrastructure projects and military procurements.

He told a panel of three judges he had forgotten who gave him the money and when, and said he had destroyed written records a day after evidence of secret bank accounts was disclosed in parliament on October 19.

South Korea's biggest trial is designed to purge the corrupt legacy of almost four decades of military-backed rule. However, Mr Roh and his co-defendants — who are accused of greasing his palms and helping him to launder his millions after he left office — said their actions had been normal business practice.

Lee Kun Hee, the chairman of Samsung Group, and Kim Woo Choong, the head of the Daewoo Group, admitted giving money to Mr Roh. Mr Kim said "donations" were made during Chusok, South Korea's Thanksgiving Day, and at the end of the year.

Western diplomats expect Mr Roh to be convicted and possibly given a heavy jail sentence, although he is unlikely to serve more than a few years. They predict the businessmen will escape prison.

Mr Roh and Mr Lee, who were held in custody before the trial, wore padded white prison smocks, baggy grey trousers and white rubber slippers. Other defendants were dressed in dark business suits.

The next session of the trial, expected to last for many weeks, will be on January 15.

☐ **Corruption call:** The new South Korean Prime Minister took office yesterday with a call to root out the legacy of corruption. Speaking to government officials after parliament approved his appointment by an overwhelming majority, Lee Soo Sung, a legal scholar, said: "Putting history to rights is a starting point towards correcting our mistaken path and opening up a new era in which justice and love flow like a river."

Gallery bans baby from adult exhibition

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WELLINGTON

A NINE-DAY-OLD baby has been refused entry to an adults-only exhibition of erotic Robert Mapplethorpe photographs at the Wellington Art Gallery.

Willy Pearce was taken to the gallery by his mother, Vikki Read, on Friday afternoon, but when she tried to pay she was told that her baby would not be allowed in. "I was astounded. Willy can't even see my face yet," she said, adding she might return if she could get a babysitter.

The gallery's director, Paula Savage, said it had been letting children in. But after advice from the censor's office, she decided to ban them as the gallery and parents could be fined.

☐ **Cook's tour:** Maori descendants of the victims of Captain Cook's first, lethal, contact with New Zealand natives 226 years ago have agreed to allow a replica of his barque, *HMS Endeavour*, to visit their area.

Tribal elders gave their blessing to the visit at a special weekend meeting. In 1769, the tribe had at least three warriors shot and three taken hostage by a landing party from Cook's vessel at Gisborne.

Israel and Syria agree to widen agenda for talks

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

SHIMON PERES, the Israeli Prime Minister, yesterday unveiled a ten-point understanding with Syria in which the two sides agreed to try a new approach to settling their differences.

The agreement, reached via America, would shift the focus of talks to a broad range of issues and away from security, which had been the central emphasis of Yitzhak Rabin, the late Prime Minister.

Yesterday a deal worth nearly $400,000 (£260,000) was signed to secure the first public viewing of the only film taken of Rabin's assassination. At the same time, letters were sent to six members of Israel's Shin Bet secret service, warning that they may be incriminated by the official inquiry into the killing.

The recently appointed head of Shin Bet is widely expected to be sacked when the inquiry commission reports. Judicial sources said that the commission has uncovered evidence of sweeping incompetence inside the secret service.

The film, shot by an amateur cameraman, will probably be shown later this week on Channel Two which bought the rights in conjuction with *Yediot Aharonot*. Rabin's widow, Leah, said yesterday that she had "no desire, capability or obligation" to watch the programme.

Today the trial of Yigal Amir, the self-confessed assassin, will begin in a Tel Aviv district court. Mr Amir has not indicated how he will plead, although a not guilty plea could be a way for him to turn the trial into an attack on the peace process.

☐ **Sanaa:** Saba, the official Yemeni news agency, said yesterday that Eritrea had seized Greater Hanish despite announcing that it had accepted a ceasefire over the disputed Red Sea island and a nearby territory. Yemen yesterday received backing over the issue from the Arab League. *(Reuter)*



Leah Rabin: will not see film of husband's death

Veld farmers rejoice as rain stops play

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

UNPRECEDENTED torrential rain wreaked further havoc in South Africa yesterday, leaving cricket officials long-faced and sun-seeking tourists indoors.

The unseasonal downpour has brought flooding to many areas and left several dead. In the Eastern Transvaal six children drowned after the lorry they were travelling in was washed away by a swollen river. At least 438 people have been killed on South African roads since the start of the holiday season 19 days ago.

With dam levels rising steadily, the authorities are considering lifting water restrictions across the country. For South Africa's drought-plagued farmers the rains are a welcome boon, and there are predictions that maize, groundnuts and sunflower production could be boosted and, in some cases, doubled. "They [the farmers] are delighted," a spokesman at the Water Affairs Ministry said.

The gloomy weather has descended on South Africa just as bumper numbers of British tourists began arriving to escape the Northern hemisphere winter. England's first cricket tour of South Africa in more than 30 years degenerated into a farce after the third test in Durban was abandoned without a ball being played on the final day. Close to seven full days of the series have been lost to rain and only two tests remain to decide the series.

"It is now getting very serious," Ray Illingworth, the England manager, said yesterday. For accountants at the United Cricket Board, it already is. While one-day matches are insured against the rain, the board has no cover for five-day tests because premiums are too high.

The touring side's next fixture, due to start in Pietermaritzburg in KwaZulu/Natal tomorrow, is already in jeopardy. The highest rainfalls have been recorded in the province and motorists have been warned not to travel in or to the region for the next two days as roads were flooded and covered in mudslides and debris. Ladysmith residents narrowly escaped disaster after emergency workers emptied a dam close to bursting its banks. Rescuers in the Drakensberg mountains were last night searching for a hiker caught by flash floods.

Across vast tracts of southern Africa, four years of poor rains — the worst drought in memory — have dried once fertile fields and evaporated reservoirs. Growing and shifting populations increasingly overtax water supplies. At least seven nations have some degree of drought this year, draining already weak economies and consuming larger shares of shrinking foreign aid money.

President Mandela's Government has promised clean, running water to millions of poor blacks. It is considering conservation measures, such as heavy fees on big water consumers and bans on inefficient forms of irrigation.

Alan Lee, page 44



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Centre gains more support as vote count moves to big cities in west of country

Reformist parties keep afloat in Communist surge

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

HOW THEY VOTED

REFORMIST parties were putting up a stiff challenge to the surge of Communists and ultra-nationalists into the Duma last night, as the count continued in Russia's parliamentary elections.

As expected, the Communist Party, with its straightforward message of anger against the Government and nostalgia for the Soviet Union, was firmly in front. With 27 million votes counted last night out of some 68 million cast, it had 21.9 percent of the vote.

The Liberal Democratic Party of extreme nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky was in second place with 11.1 per cent of the vote. Opinion polls had all but written off Mr Zhirinovsky, the surprise winner of the 1993 polls, but a brash and brilliant television campaign in the last week seems to have swayed many voters.

Half the 450 seats in parliament are allocated to parties that can gather more than 5 per cent of the national vote. The other 225 seats are elected in local first-past-the-post constituencies. The arithmetic of the vote means that, although the Communists will be the largest party, they will be far short of an overall majority in the Duma.

The first results from the Far East and Siberia showed strong backing for the opposition. However, as the vote count moved west into the European part of Russia and the country's big cities, reformist and centrist parties had started to gather more support.

According to unofficial data, Our Home Is Russia, the pro-government party of Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, was ahead in Moscow and Grigori Yavlinsky's liberal movement, Yabloko, was leading in St Petersburg and both parties were approaching 10 per cent of the vote. Mr Chernomyrdin said that his party's electoral performance was "not bad" and was a vote of confidence in difficult times. The Communist Party and Mr Zhirinovsky's party were trailing badly in the two cities. Commenting on his support outside the big cities, Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist leader, said that "the periphery voted against the centre".

Another surprise was the likelihood of a resurrection for Russia's Democratic Choice, the liberal party of Yegor Gaidar, the former acting Prime Minister. According to the lastest information, it had 4.8 per cent of the vote and was poised to cross the 5 per cent barrier. If Mr Gaidar's party does win through, economic reformers will maintain their strength in the coming Duma, against the predictions of the polls. His party was also buoyed by the victories of many leading liberals, such as the dissident Sergei Kovalyov, in local constituencies.



By contrast the mainstream nationalist opposition had a disastrous night. The Congress of Russian Communities, led by retired General Aleksandr Lebed and industrialist Yuri Skokov, had been tipped to be one of the big winners on Sunday but had all but faded out of sight by yesterday afternoon and was set to drop below the 5 per cent barrier. The Women of Russia movement, which had made a strong showing in the polls, also unexpectedly dropped below 5 per cent.

Many party leaders who flopped in the national vote were set to enter the Duma by the back door in the local constituency fights. Among them were General Lebed, Yekaterina Lakova, the leader of Women of Russia, Nikolai Ryzhkov, the former Soviet Prime Minister, and Boris Fyodorov, the former Finance Minister.

☐ **Grozny:** Russian forces are preparing an all-out attack on Gudermes, Chechenia's second city, where hundreds of guerrillas were pinning down more than 150 Russian soldiers yesterday, military sources said.

One source said the Russian commanders had decided to break the siege of the city's military headquarters and rail station and had told civilians to leave or take shelter. Other Russian military sources said that they were preparing to direct airstrikes and heavy artillery against Gudermes, where separatists have been fighting Russian troops since Thursday.

Fighting flared then as voting began in local and national elections staged by the Moscow-backed administration in the face of bitter opposition from separatists led by Dzhokhar Dudayev. The polls closed on Sunday. Officials called the election a success with turnouts ranging from 50 to 70 per cent and strong support for candidates supporting the Moscow Government. Journalists had seen little sign of voting.

One military source said that 176 soldiers were pinned down in their command post at Gudermes by a rebel force estimated at 500 to 650. The railway station, an important junction for the whole region, was also under siege.

Residents of Grozny said that Russian security forces had fired into a block of flats on Sunday night, killing a pregnant woman. "This is why people join Dudayev's forces," a young man said.

Political chameleon, page 16



Gennadi Zyuganov, the Russian Communist Party leader, at a press conference in Moscow yesterday. A pragmatist in a party of hardliners, he may find it difficult to reconcile the hopes of the workers and pensioners who voted for him with the demands of the bankers who are his new friends

'Red Gaullist' a prisoner of promises

BY THOMAS DE WAAL

MAN IN THE NEWS

THE victor in Russia's parliamentary election, Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, has spent three years preparing for his moment of glory, but his hardest task has only just begun.

Mr Zyuganov, a pragmatist in a party of hardliners, will find it difficult to reconcile the hopes of the pensioners and workers who voted for him with the demands of the bankers and businessmen who are his new friends.

At his first post-election press conference yesterday, he called his success "a complete rejection of the radical policy of so-called democratic reforms". He said he was expecting to win about a third of the 450 seats in the state Duma, and will have the largest faction in the parliament.

But in a now-familiar performance, the former ideology instructor from the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee was foggy on details of policy. On foreign affairs, Mr Zyuganov could only say that he wanted closer relations with China. On the question of renationalising privatised companies, he said: "We are generally supporters of a balanced approach to this question." Two months ago, at a lunch in the American Chamber of Commerce, he said he favoured lowering taxes for foreign investors.

Talk like that will not go down well with his core electorate, who voted Communist in the hope of a quick improvement in living standards. Valeri Solovei, of the Gorbachev Foundation in Moscow, said recently: "He will run into a revolution of hopes. People will start to demand he carry out the promises he has made." Mr Zyuganov's ideology is a kind of "Red Gaullism". Mr Solovei said. His foreign policy is aggressively nationalist and he is committed to a strong role for the State in the economy.

At the same time he was careful to tend his grassroots. He fought an old-fashioned campaign in more than 40 cities, talking to packed halls of party faithful. In fiery speeches, he threatened to have Mr Gorbachev prosecuted if he ever came to power, and reminded his audience of the glorious achievements of the Soviet Union in war and in space.

Even as they applauded, many party workers, who came from the orthodox hard core of the Soviet party, said that they wanted a tougher Communist programme.

Grigori Yavlinsky, the liberal economist who was another of the winners in Sunday's election, told Mr Zyuganov in a face-to-face debate recently that his party would purge him if it ever got near to power. Mr Zyuganov was born 51 years ago in the province of Oryol, in the fertile *chernozem* (black earth) region south of Moscow. He taught chemistry in a village school before joining the Communist Party.

He took over the leadership in February 1993, after the banning order imposed by President Yeltsin was lifted by the Constitutional Court. In the old Russian parliament, he established himself as a strong nationalist.

The next test is whether Mr Zyuganov will run for the presidency next June. Before the parliamentary election, he had mixed feelings about whether he was best cast in the role of king or kingmaker.

He has a kind of rough charm and bonhomie, which goes down well with provincial and elderly audiences, but is physically unprepossessing, with a ponderous speaking style that could alienate the youth vote. Nonetheless, he gave a broad hint yesterday that he would be a candidate next summer.

Cynics help to swell march to ballot box

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN VLADIVOSTOK

THE most unexpected thing about Russia's parliamentary elections was probably the size of the turnout. In Vladivostok, long queues built up at polling stations, made worse by the amount of time many voters needed to puzzle their way through the 43 party names.

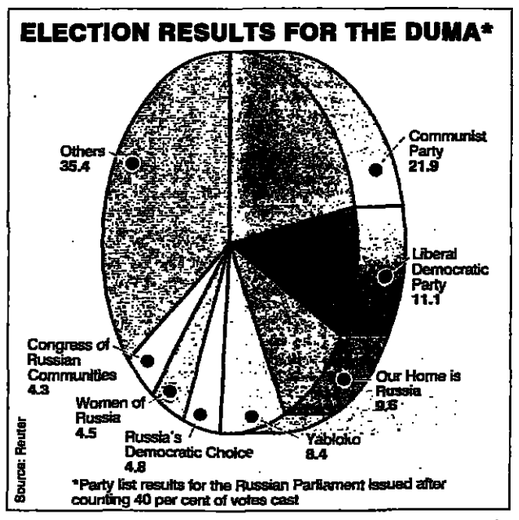
The high turnout was surprising, given the general degree of public apathy and cynicism about politics. The strong vote for Vladimir Zhirinovsky and his ultra-nationalist Liberal Democrats was in some ways anti-political. "I am not sure I would like to see him in power, but I like the way he tells off the other politicians. They are all crooks," said Sergei Pavlenko, a pensioner.

VLADIVOSTOK

The sheer amount of electoral propaganda was also greater than in any previous election. Bewilderment among voters was as a result considerable. Several in Vladivostok could not remember who they had chosen. "Well, there are so many of them and they are all the same to me," said Nina Mikhailovna, a housewife.

Vladimir and Anna, an old couple from Preobrazhenie, north of Vladivostok, said most of their neighbours voted for the Communists or Mr Zhirinovsky. But they decided to vote for the Women of Russia bloc because, as Vladimir said: "The men have made such a mess, it is only right to give the women a chance."

Players rehearse their lines for a sideshow



BY THOMAS DE WAAL

INSIDE THE DUMA

LIKE its predecessors, the sixth State Duma will be a stage on which some of Russia's most colourful actors may perform but, like them, it is painfully short of powers.

Many famous Russians, including the Oscar-winning film director Nikita Mikhalkov, the pioneering eye surgeon Svyatoslav Fyodorov, the entrepreneur Irina Khakamada, and the tough-talking General Aleksandr Lebed have been elected. But their combined eloquence will not change the constitutional rules of the game, which give deputies endless time for debate but real power to the President.

There are strong parallels with the first two Dumas, elected in the wake of the 1905 Revolution with the consent of the reluctant tsar, Nicholas II. Both were filled with members of the opposition, as the new parliament is expected to be. But both railed in vain against the government and were dissolved. According to the historian Dominic Lieven, their main influence was to check the government through "budgetary power and the power of scandal", with deputies attacking the venal lifestyles of ministers.

In the first Duma of 1906, many of deputies were peasants, most of whom had never before been to St Petersburg. It lasted 72 days. The English writer Maurice Baring watched its class battles with fascination. "There was an air of intimacy, ease and familiarity about the whole proceedings," he wrote. "The speeches were eloquent, but no signs of political experience or statesmanlike action were to be discerned."

The third Duma had a restricted electoral base. Peasant jackets were replaced by frockcoats and it ran its full course. The Speaker, Aleksandr Guchkov, challenged a journalist to a duel — a more gallant way of score-settling than the libel suits of today.

The fourth Duma of 1912 lasted little longer than the imperial regime itself. It was disbanded by Nicholas II just before he abdicated.

The outgoing fifth, elected in 1993, has been more outlandish still. Four of its 450 deputies have been murdered, two in mafia-style shootouts. In by-elections, voters chose an ageing cosmonaut and a pyramid scheme fraudster. Nikolai Lysenko, an ultra-nationalist, ripped up a Ukrainian flag and tore a cross from the neck of the dissident priest Gleb Yakunin. Last week a bomb exploded in his office — an attack some said he staged himself. Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the neo-Fascist, has fought in the corridors.

President Yeltsin, like the tsar before him, has adopted a tone of lofty indifference. A chair is set aside for him, but he has yet to set foot inside the new parliament building.

Success of Far Left stirs new unease

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Communist gains in Russia were cause for concern in Belorussia, because the Russian party had not changed as much as former communist parties elsewhere in Eastern Europe, Uladzimir Syanko, Belorussia's Foreign Minister, said yesterday.

BELORUSSIA

Admitting that millions in Belorussia and other former Soviet republics were still "dreaming of reunification with Russia", Mr Syanko insisted that Belorussia would remain an independent country which would keep a balance between Russia and its neighbours.

Speaking before talks with Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, he called for more vigorous support from the West, noting with regret that no British Cabinet minister had visited Minsk since independence. Whatever the European Union's worries about Belorussia's close links with Russia, isolating the country would only undermine its independence.

Mr Syanko was in London for the formal opening of his country's first embassy in Britain and twenty-second worldwide, a modest flat in Kensington. Britain's trade with Belorussia, now £40 million a year, has doubled over the past year: "If the embassy has contributed to a tenth of that, it will have paid for its costs," he said.

Nationalist war heroes suffer resounding defeat

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE biggest shock of the elections for the lower chamber of the Russian parliament was the dismal performance by General Aleksandr Lebed and Aleksandr Rutskoi, two of the best-known nationalist leaders and former Afghan war heroes.

Although General Lebed won the single-seat constituency in the arms-producing city of Tula, his Congress of Russian Communities, tipped to make a strong showing, failed to secure the 5 per cent minimum needed for entry into the Duma. Mr Rutskoi, a former Vice-President who leads the Derzhava (Great Country) party, was once seen as the natural successor to President Yeltsin after leading the October 1993 rebellion against the Kremlin leader. However, he also seemed destined for political obscurity yesterday after his party failed to secure enough support to gain seats in the assembly.

WINNERS AND LOSERS

Another casualty of the polls was Ivan Rybkin, the parliamentary Speaker, whose party hardly made any impact on the electorate. His days in parliamentary politics are now probably over, although he is likely to be appointed to a senior government post by Mr Yeltsin.

The uncontested winner of Sunday's elections was Gennadi Zyuganov, the leader of the Communist Party, which doubled its support since the last elections two years ago. He now seems likely to make a strong challenge in presidential elections scheduled for June.

Similarly, Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, who has never been involved in party politics before, has now established himself in parliament with a small but respectable showing for his centrist Our Home is Russia party.

Grigori Yavlinsky, the young and charismatic head of the liberal Yabloko faction, emerged as the undisputed leader of the badly split reformist groups. He will be hoping to transform his parliamentary success into a presidential challenge.

For Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the leader of the ultra-nationalist Liberal Democrats, there were mixed results. Although his party performed much better than anticipated, his support across the country has dropped by half since the last election.

Similarly, Yegor Gaidar, the former Prime Minister and leader of the liberal Russia's Democratic Choice party, lost a substantial percentage of his support compared with the last polls two years ago. Nevertheless, his party remained hopeful last night that it would still secure a respectable number of candidates in parliament.



Aleksandr Rutskoi, left, and Andrei Kozyrev, who both appear to be destined for political obscurity

For Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, his victory as an independent in Murmansk, in Russia's Arctic, was a mixed blessing. Although he now has a guaranteed seat in the Duma, he must resign his ministerial post. Under the new constitution, a deputy cannot be a minister.

The choice of Foreign Minister is in Mr Yeltsin's hands and a ministry source said the naming of Mr Kozyrev's successor could take some time. Anatoli Adamishin, the Ambassador to Britain, was named by the source as a possible candidate, along with Mr Rybkin and Vitali Churkin, the Ambassador to Brussels.

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First US troops land in Bosnia for Nato mission

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN TUZLA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AMERICAN troops from the 325 Airborne Battalion combat team began arriving at the Tuzla airbase in Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday on C130 transport planes after a heavy blanket of fog lifted.

The American planes had been trying to land at the airbase since Friday, but were forced to circle overhead and return to their bases in Italy and Germany because dense fog had enveloped the area. However, before noon yesterday, the first US Air Force C130 touched down and further landings were made during the day.

In total, about 25 planes carrying troops, armoured vehicles and supplies were expected to arrive yesterday. They will form the advance guard of the 20,000-strong American element of the Nato peace implementation force.

"It feels great to finally be here," said Sergeant Dave Johnson. "Anything is better than getting up at 2am every day and sitting around in a plane for seven hours while we circle overhead."

The American troops will take control of the airbase, which is now run by Swedish United Nation peacekeepers. The rest of the American contingent will arrive in Bosnia overland and will not begin to monitor the front line until they can build a bridge over the River Sava, which runs from Croatia to Bosnia. The operation is expected to take about ten days.

The bad weather forced the tactical commander of the American operation, General Stanley Cherrie of the 1st Armoured Division based in Germany, to fly to Sarajevo and reach Tuzla by convoy and UN helicopter.

Shortly after the first C130s landed in Tuzla another plane performed several flypasts to test the radar equipment on the base. Now that the equipment has been checked, American officials say that the US Air Force should be able to average about 20 flights a day, even in adverse weather conditions.



The few American combat soldiers arrived in full combat gear, carrying M16 rifles. Others drove off in Humvee vehicles with 50 calibre machineguns mounted on top.

Despite the three-day delay, General Cherrie said the American deployment was "on schedule" and that the transfer of authority from the UN to Nato would proceed on Wednesday as planned. "The pieces are coming together," he said.

In Sarajevo, a woman was injured yesterday when a sniper hit a tram on the main boulevard. The incident was the first in the Bosnian capital since the peace deal was signed in Paris last week. The woman was treated for an eye injury caused by flying glass.

The trams, which run the length of "Sniper's alley", have been a frequent target. However, they have worked with relatively little trouble since the October ceasefire.

☐ **Königswinter:** International arms talks in Germany aimed at cementing peace in Bosnia opened yesterday, but Croatia threatened to pull out unless Serbia and Montenegro quickly recognised rebel Serb-held Eastern Slavonia as part of Croatia. Mate Granic, the Foreign Minister, said that the unresolved status of the region bordering Serbia, where the United Nations is due to establish a 12-month transitional administration, was blocking regional security talks. *(Reuter)*

Troubles linger for victorious Vranitzky

FROM MICHAEL KALLENBACH IN VIENNA

WHILE Austria's political power-brokers huddled together yesterday to discuss the implications of Sunday's elections, the task of restoring the Government's credibility fell to Franz Vranitzky, the Chancellor.

The euphoria of his Socialist Party's victory was likely to be short-lived. Herr Vranitzky has the unenviable task of having to build a new coalition Government knowing that the old budget disagreements that triggered the elections have not been solved by the weeks of electioneering and posturing.

"In fact, the election has changed very little," Peter Ulram, a political scientist at the Vienna University, admitted yesterday. "It did, however, prove that fear of change was the victor."

In the elections the Austrians showed how uncomfortable they are with change. They rejected the overtones of Jörg Haider, the extreme right-wing populist leader of the Freedom Party. Voters, many of whom had abandoned the Socialists in previous years, returned in large numbers to the party.

The turnout was 86 per cent, extremely high for an election in Western Europe. Twenty per cent of voters switched parties since the last time they voted. The Socialists had a better result than they hoped for with 38.32 per cent of the vote. The conservative People's Party came second with 28.30 per cent, followed in third place by the Freedom Party (22.08 per cent). The Greens (4.57 per cent) and the Liberals (5.28 per cent) did badly and lost votes to the Socialists.

Herr Haider was slightly dispirited by the result. He thought he would get 25 per cent of the vote but experienced losses in his home state of Carinthia as well as in Vienna. It was the first time that the Freedom Party had lost votes since he took over leadership of the party nine years ago. Later today President Klestil will ask Herr Vranitzky to try to form another grand coalition. He is likely to turn, at the first instance to Wolfgang Schüssel, the leader of the conservative People's Party.

It is uncertain that Herr Vranitzky will be successful. There remains a great deal of animosity between the two: it was, after all, Herr Schüssel who broke up the coalition last October by opposing the Chancellor's austerity measures.

Herr Schüssel, leader of the People's Party since last April, thought he would be able to cash in on his popularity and become Chancellor. But in the end his high-risk strategy failed.

The country's political crisis will not be solved until well into January, analysts predict. The negotiations between the two leading parties are expected to be protracted and fraught with difficulties.

For the time being, however, both leaders talk about learning from their mistakes. Clearly, the Socialists will want to see Herr Schüssel squirm for bringing about what they regarded as an unnecessary election and will make him pay dearly for his mistakes. Herr Vranitzky said that he wants to avoid a similar fiasco in the future and the Socialists may insist on taking charge of a Ministry of the Future that will determine the country's economic programme well into the 21st century.

Another scenario is to embarrass Herr Schüssel personally by insisting that the conservatives give up their Foreign Ministry portfolio, which would rob Herr Schüssel of his job as Foreign Minister.



Franz Vranitzky, the Socialist Austrian Chancellor, left, and Wolfgang Schüssel, the conservative leader, who are expected to start protracted talks about forming a new coalition government after Sunday's election

NEWS IN BRIEF

Greek call to name new PM

Athens: Greek political leaders said yesterday that a successor to Andreas Papandreou, 76, the Prime Minister who is critically ill with pneumonia and related ailments, must be announced by next month.

Under the Constitution, a successor must be named by the majority party's parliamentary group. Opinion polls suggest Costas Simitis, leader of the reformists in the Socialist party, and Gerassimos Arsenis, the Defence Minister, are front-runners. *(AFP)*

Fantasy cure

Paris: The singer Michael Jackson is visiting Disneyland Paris to recuperate after collapsing in New York during rehearsals for a television show. Doctors have ordered him to go on holiday. *(AP)*

Press threat

Mogadishu: Journalists writing "unholy propaganda" or falsehoods may be executed or have their hands cut off, an Islamic court in the Somali capital said after shutting down a newspaper. *(Reuter)*

Seals drown

Cape Town: Hundreds of seal pups, too young to swim in heavy seas, drowned after they were swept off an outcrop near Cape Town in gale-force winds, South African officials said. *(Reuter)*

Soft option

Brisbane: Queensland police will give a free can of Pepsi Cola and a congratulatory message to alcohol-free drivers randomly breath-tested tomorrow. Those who fail will be charged. *(AFP)*

Uneasy lull after strikes expose French divisions

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE French transport system was gradually returning to normal yesterday, but more than three weeks of strikes have left France exhausted, divided and increasingly uncertain about the future.

The Government's credibility has been seriously weakened by the dispute, and an already sluggish economy is now heading for a slowdown that could undermine efforts to meet the deadlines for European monetary union.

Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, has won a temporary respite by promising to preserve generous public sector pension benefits and agreeing to shelve a plan to overhaul the SNCF rail system.



Juppé: his climbdown heartened the unions

Those concessions do not seriously affect the calculations behind M Juppé's welfare reform plan, which aims to reduce the annual social security deficit from Fr61 billion (£8 billion) to Fr17 billion next year. The key welfare reforms will be pushed through by decree this week, but M Juppé's climbdown over pensions and rail reform has raised fresh doubts about the Government's willingness to perform the major surgery the economy needs.

President Chirac has declared that reducing France's debts is now his "priority of priorities", but such pledges ring somewhat hollow when civil servants have successfully fought off efforts to scale back their lavish pensions, the SNCF continues to lose more than Fr1 billion a month and train drivers are still allowed to retire at 50.

Buoyed by the vast protests, the unions are in fighting mood. The Government will hold a "social summit" with employers and union leaders on Thursday, but instead of bringing about peace the meeting may well have the reverse effect. The unions want discussions to include negotiation over wages and social security reform, while the Government has promised only to unveil plans to stimulate the economy. Louis Viannet, head of the Communist-led CGT union, said yesterday the crisis would be "inflamed again" unless the summit produced a concrete response on wages.

France is divided over M Juppé's welfare plans, which include a new income tax and higher health service charges: the latest poll has 49 per cent supporting his reforms and 47 per cent against. Behind the numbers is a more fundamental cleavage over the way France should be ruled, between an elite pledged to fiscal austerity and European union and a population wedded to an archaic and expensive welfare system.

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Weary González agrees to lead Socialist election fight

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

FELIPE GONZÁLEZ, the Spanish Prime Minister for the past 13 years, agreed with some reluctance yesterday to lead the Socialists again in the early general election he has called for March. He insisted, however, that there would have to be changes in the corruption-riddled administration.

Recently he had said he was "psychologically and physically tired" of office and hoped his successor would be Javier Solana. Yesterday, however, Señor Solana said farewell to the Foreign Ministry in Madrid before today taking up his post as Nato Secretary-General in Brussels. His successor will be named today.

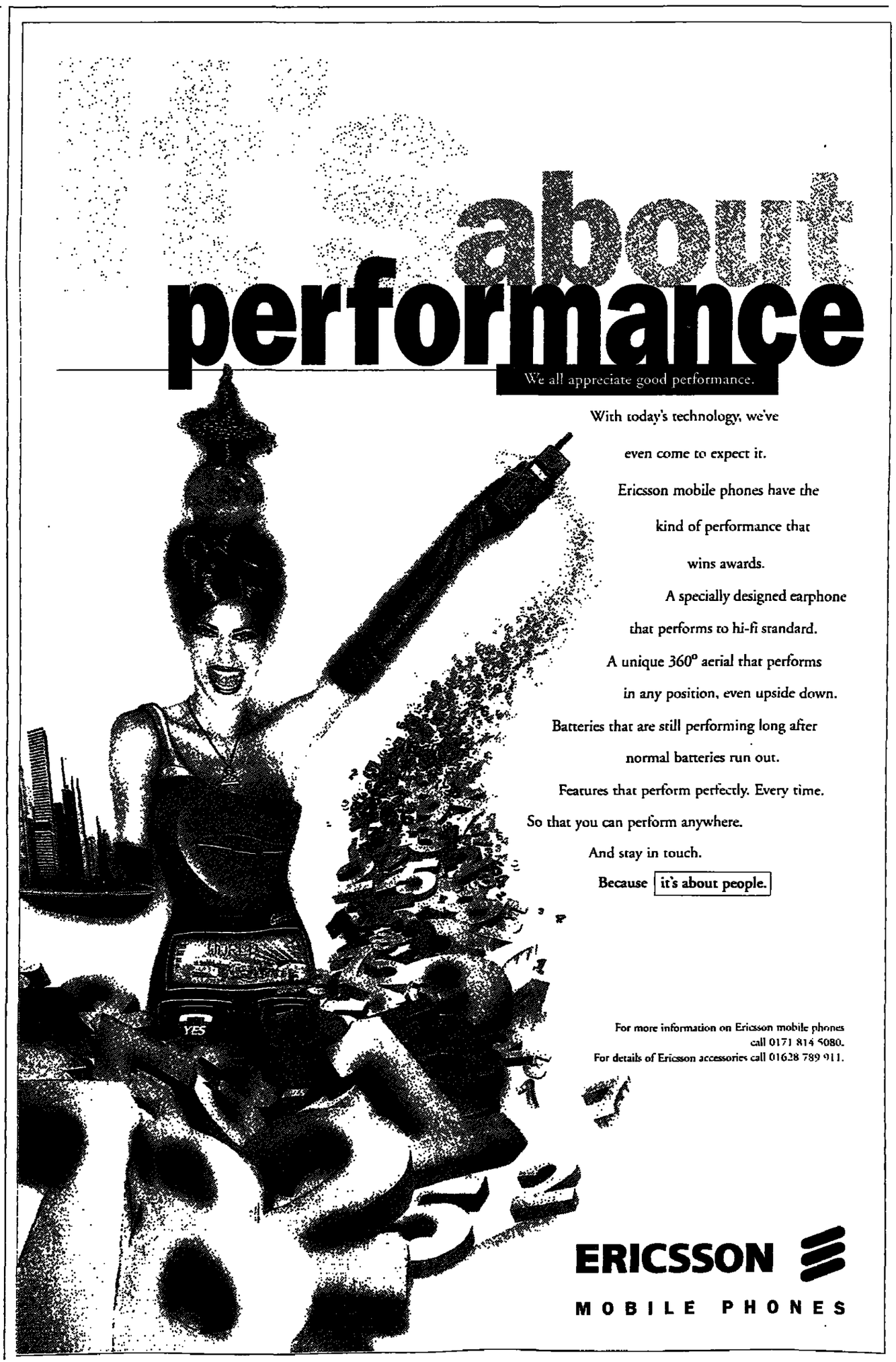
After expressing his reservations, Señor González accepted the unanimous request of the 24 members of the party's executive committee that he should head the Madrid list under Spain's system of proportional representation. The Socialists' federal committee will approve the motion on Friday.

"The executive, after interventions from all its members, has unanimously proposed the Secretary-General, Felipe González, as the candidate of the Socialist Party in the next general elections," said Cipria Ciscar, the secretary of organisation, after yesterday's meeting.

It will be the seventh time that Señor González, 53, has led his party in democratic elections since 1977. Only Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, has held a top political post in Europe longer than Señor González.

During the past six months, Señor González has threatened to stand down, especially since he may be impeached. He is accused of allowing death squads, financed by the Government, to kill 27 Eta guerrilla suspects a decade ago. A Supreme Court judge is interrogating former ministers and officials about the issue.

Señor González's decision was not greeted with jubilation at the headquarters of the centre-right Popular Party (PP), the main opposition to the Socialists. Although the conservatives are six points ahead in the polls, the gap is narrowing and Señor González is still more popular than José María Aznar, 42.





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New hope for women like Linda

A survey confirms the crucial role of screening in breast cancer survival rates



Special report by Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Linda McCartney, whose daunting experience of finding a lump in her breast has brought home to her the value of breast screening as a diagnostic technique, has appealed to other women to follow her example and have mammography. Twenty minutes spent in a friendly screening unit with little embarrassment, and only the minimal discomfort of having your breasts squeezed, seems a small price to pay for a very good chance of ensuring long-term survival and, in many cases, probably a cure if a small tumour is discovered.

The Department of Health's annual figures are already showing improvements in survival time since the NHS programme for screening the over-50s was established. These statistics probably underrate the potential advantages of screening which would be gained if compliance was greater and the age group screened was wider.

There are obvious administrative problems in running any screening campaign; patients don't always attend and, if they do come on the first occasion, they often fail to return for subsequent examinations. Once a tumour has been discovered and removed, whether by lumpectomy (excision of the lump only), quadrantectomy (removal of the lump and some of the surrounding tissue), or mastectomy (removal of the breast, usually together with some of the underarm lymph glands), patients may move away from the district where the operation is performed so the long-term outcome is never recorded.

One occupational health scheme, presided over by a doctor with unparalleled experience in breast screening, has been following the results of surgery on women in whom early tumours have been detected as a result of screening. These women work for a very large firm where regular medicals, with mammography, are de rigueur. They were followed up regularly and their state of health after surgery, if it became necessary, was well known. The results of the survey show that when breast screening is done as a regular routine, so that tumours are found early and dealt with efficiently, the 20-year survival after a cancer of the breast has been diagnosed is, to older generations of doctors who remember the bad old days, quite phenomenal.

What will be of particular interest to the Government, as well as to women, is that almost as good results were obtained for those women who had been screened between 40 and 50 as it was for the over-50s. These figures still have to be finally checked, reviewed and approved by independent observers before they can be published. But if they stand up, they will provide great hope for those who have had a small tumour detected, will encourage women to attend for regular screening so that cancers may be diagnosed before they are even felt, and will represent another call — and one which will have to be met — on the Treasury by the NHS for the screening of women between 40 and 50, as well as for the over-50s.

Linda McCartney, who is 54, has had a lumpectomy. Recent research shows that many patients with tumours at this stage are well advised, if this course of action is considered suitable by their doctors, also to have radiotherapy, now much modified and less destructive, and to take the drug tamoxifen.

The cancerous nature of Linda McCartney's small tumour, which was felt by her London doctor, was confirmed by mammography at the Princess Grace Hospital. She was lucky that her breast film was seen at a unit which has a high reputation for the interpretation of mammograms, for one of the great medical myths is that spotting a malignant growth in a film is as easy as picking out the smiling face of Aunt Annabel from a family snapshot. In fact, interpreting mammograms is an art. Some tumours are so obviously malignant that no third-year student could fail to miss them on the mammogram. Those most easily diagnosed are the ones which show a spiculate opacity, a white smudge on the film's black surface with white lines radiating from it, as if it has grown whiskers.

In other films the extraneous marks are obviously innocent, but in between there is a grey area, and this is where the skill of the radiographers who take the pictures, and the radiologists who interpret them, can be lifesaving. For not all malignant white smudges have whiskers, and indeed not all smudges are cancerous. Another tell-tale sign of malignancy is microcalcification, little white dots on the film of the breast. These are easy to pick out but, as 33 per cent of women with benign breast nodules have them, it needs an expert to assess their importance. This diagnostic ability is known as pattern recognition. Expertise in it can be learnt, although some radiologists have a natural aptitude. Fortunately the overall standard of pattern recognition has improved enormously since the NHS tightened its quality control.

Even before Linda McCartney's surgery had once again made this most feared of all women's tumours headline news in the lay press, the disease had recently received wide coverage in the learned medical journals. In the past few weeks the *New England Journal of Medicine* has published three papers on breast surgery, and the *British Medical Journal* has had two editorials on its treatment, and one intriguing paper on the association between breast cancer and unhappy and threatening events in a woman's life. A woman experiencing such adverse incidents is three times more likely to develop cancer of the breast in the following five years.

In London last week the Prince of Wales gave a reception at St James's Palace for the Bristol Cancer Help Centre, an organisation with which he has been associated since 1983. The centre has pioneered an integrated approach to the disease with the specialists: the surgeons wielding the knife, the radiotherapists and the oncologists prescribing the drugs combine with those whose main concern is to help patients to find the lifestyle which best suits them, and is least advantageous to their disease.

Improvements in treatment offer a greater hope of cure in the future with the combination of surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy; but perhaps early diagnosis remains the best chance of all.



Paul and Linda McCartney: she was lucky that her mammogram was viewed at a hospital with expertise in interpreting films



What if your surgeon's a junkie?

Sometimes the physician cannot heal himself. **Dr Simon Wessely** on help for doctors who take drugs

Professional incompetence, having sexual relations with a patient, irresponsible prescribing, unethical conduct and euthanasia are all headline-grabbing medical offences, and they all featured in BBC2's six-part series *Doctors in the Dock*, which finished last week.

Each film considered a doctor who had fallen foul of the disciplinary committee of the General Medical Council (GMC). All violated GMC standards of practice. All gave good accounts of themselves. None blamed illness.

The series thus ignored one of the biggest problems facing the GMC — not the unethical, wicked or incompetent practitioner, but that of the sick doctor. In practice, the problems of sick doctors are those of mentally ill doctors.

Of 100 cases dealt with by the GMC health committee only one related specifically to physical illness. There were 22 cases of alcohol abuse, 14 of drug abuse, 35 of mental illness, and the rest suffered from some combination of the three. Although, overall, doctors are healthier than the general population — probably because few now smoke — they are at increased risk of dying from accidents, suicide and cirrhosis of the liver, all of them linked to alcohol and drug abuse.

As a group, doctors drink too much — the joke that an alcoholic is someone who drinks more than their doctor was already a cliché when I was a medical student in the 1970s. Research published in 1976 showed that doctors in England and Wales were three times more likely to die from liver cirrhosis.

The hard-drinking medical student straight from the pages of *Doctor in the House* can still be found, but their numbers have dwindled. A recent survey showed that only 4 per cent of medical students drink excessively, probably because the curriculum is more demanding and also because now half of all students are women.

Doctors who end up as alcoholic or drug-dependent resemble non-doctors with similar problems. They are more likely to have a history of depression and other emotional problems (some of which may have led them to choose a medical career in the first place), to have difficult personalities and to have failed or unhappy marriages.

Doctors are at more risk of suicide and cirrhosis

An American study failed to confirm that long working hours were the cause, suggesting instead that doctors were poor at dealing with their own relationship problems and at communicating with their spouses.

The difference between doctors and their patients is that they are exposed to the temptation of easy access to addictive drugs. Deborah Brooke, of the Institute of Psychiatry, recently studied 83 doctors referred to the Maudsley Hospital, London, with drug problems. Most prescribed their own drugs. A few helped themselves from the ward stock. Only four had ever used any black-market supplies.

In addition, when doctors try to kill themselves, they are less likely to get it wrong. Of all the medical specialists, anaesthetists have the highest suicide rate, not psychiatrists.

As a profession we are not very good at looking after ourselves. We are poor at supporting our colleagues in distress. Nor do doctors make good patients. Many are not registered with a GP, preferring to treat themselves. Such practices can lead to misuse.

In 1980 the GMC changed its rules to allow doctors to be assisted informally in obtaining treatment and to instigate supervision, where necessary (currently for 100).

A total of 144 alcohol or drug-dependent doctors seen at the Maudsley had been ill for an average of six years before treatment. Surprisingly, it is rare for a complaint from a patient to lead to detection. Patients vote with their feet. Even though colleagues had often detected problems, most had referred themselves.

A study of 100 alcoholic doctors attending a group in Manchester found that after five years 75 per cent remained abstinent, and most had returned to work.

For the most severely ill a special unit existed at the Maudsley. The majority treated managed to resume their careers. Unfortunately, the unit closed this year.

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Hindley, *that* letter and Aristotle



In prison, Hindley played with the governor's dogs



The Moors murderess insists that she is not a psychopath, but Nigella Lawson observes a singular madness in her claim to be misunderstood, ill-used and defamed by the public and press

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Eyes of death: Myra Hindley's piercing stare has haunted the public for 30 years

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Hindley received an Open University degree in 1989

Myra Hindley is not mad — we have her word for it. Moreover, she confesses with a wryness that verges on the inappropriately coy, that the admission brings her no solace. Madness would offer some sort of excuse; as it is, she offers none. A case then of *mea culpa, mea maxima culpa*? I rather think not.

In a 5,000-odd word letter to *The Guardian* she gave what she obviously considers, or wishes us to consider, to be a full account of herself. And yet in this letter we learn nothing about what really led her to commit her crimes, or how she regards them now. What we witness is her obsessive desire to clear her name. It is not that she makes any actual excuses for what she gasp-inducingly terms her "offending behaviour"; she does not deny her part in the Moors murders — indeed she pointedly and strategically underlines her culpability — but she won't have people calling her a psychopath. She just won't have it, d'you hear?

Whatever one thinks of the labels "mad" and "sane" or the ways in which they are applied, it is quite clearly unhinged for Hindley, after what she has done, to be fussing about slurs on her good name. "To be casually labelled a psychopath by two people who have never met or spoken to me flies in the face of reason," she retorts — which is so mad as to be almost funny. This is not the first instance of her retaliating against what she considers to be the press's defamation of her character. To all of us, the very notion of it being possible to defame her is grotesque enough.

None of this, of course, is to say she is wrong on one salient point: there is no legal reason why she should remain in prison. I do not believe anyone thinks that, if released, she would commit further crimes. She is, strictly speaking, correct to remind us that if we believe in human rights at all, then she, too, has those very rights. But where it matters she has got it all wrong. She is not, as she declares, a "political prisoner": she is, rather, a moral prisoner. It is people's sense that she *ought not* to be let out that keeps her in jail. There is not a lawyer in the land who could not convincingly argue for her release, but judicial point-scoring would be beside the point.

Hindley castigates *The Sun* for describing her as "the symbol of the nation's revulsion at all those who prey on innocent children", but the strange thing is that Hindley cannot see that that is what she has become. Such symbols, it is true, do not often accurately convey a real picture or person, but that is not their function. It is mad, it is vile for Hindley to be harping constantly on about how little understood she is, how ill-used. She and her supporters may condemn crude and populist baying for blood, but honest revulsion is morally less offensive, for all its illiberal implications, than her misguided indignation.

Lord Longford reminds us that we should hate the sin and love the sinner. He is right, but Hindley makes it hard. Hindley makes it impossible. Much as we would prefer to, we cannot banish from public consciousness the horror of what she and Brady did: and now she laments that if they had not met "I would have probably got married, had children and by now be a grandmother". Of all complaints . . . she doesn't get it, does she?

> 'I have always felt uneasy about the word remorse'

The letter's accomplishment is undeniable: well-written, studded with quotes from Wilde and Yeats, amplified with a reference to Aristotle, it is a remarkably polished piece. It is not that a savage rant would be better, but somehow the elegance seems out of joint. In fact, it is a rather lawyerly exercise: one glimpses language being used in it to manipulate reality, not to reflect it. The gulf between what is being talked about and the smooth manner in which it is being done is stunning in its grotesqueness.

Regularly, Hindley seems to appeal to the public with reasons why she should be forgiven and released. Before, a warped mind might have seemed an advantage; now it would appear to be a hindrance. This has been noted. In this latest appeal she even has the nerve to lecture us on ethics. She rebukes us for our moral weakness in rabidly insisting she should feel remorse ("I've always been uncomfortable with the word"), and smugly intones that "I feel that repentance is a much more positive way of expressing deep and bitter regret". Only she knows whether her repentance is genuine. But, as P.D. James once wrote, one cannot help thinking that if she had indeed grasped the nature of her crime, or rather her offence to society, she would accept her punishment rather than continuously fighting so indignantly against it.

Season's bleatings

IT IS too late to do anything about it, of course, but I have not sent one single Christmas card *out this year. To tell the* truth, I hadn't quite realised it was necessary. It would not be true exactly to say that I thought the sending of Christmas cards was a corporate undertaking, but generally I assumed that it was not the province of friends, or not of friends one sees quite normally. I grant, however, *that a Christmas card is a* useful way of keeping in touch with those with whom one doesn't want to keep in touch.

It's not a principled stand: I cheerfully make up Christmas boxes and have already spent all of January's pay on Christmas presents, but it's *just the cards I have a blind spot about. I thought every*one — or more or less everyone I know — felt the same way and I'm sure they used to. Now the unlikeliest bunch of cynics, atheists and misanthropists is getting in *on the act.*

In the old days I was bad about receiving cards too and, like Pat Kavanagh (as I read in Valerie Grove's diary), I used to open the envelopes, read the cards and drop them into the bin in one smooth movement. (Keeping a waste-paper basket by the front door is a necessary part of a bumph-filled life.)

BUT NOW I keep every single card — especially those that fall through my letter box from all those very un-Christmas-cardy sorts of people — as a guilty reminder of my own inadequate behaviour.

I thought that because I had taken a blanket decision not to send cards, it was somehow all right. But just because *I* know I haven't sent one Christmas card out, this doesn't mean that those who feel miffed at my unseasonal behaviour are aware of the fact. Everyone's taking it personally, when the offence is universal. But does that make it any better?

Next year all will be different, but for now I apologise, and I wish everyone a very happy Christmas.

If you need love, gym'll fix it

Giles Coren goes for a workout but fails to make an impression

Geena hitches her left thumb into the scooped neck of her black Lycra exercise "body", and runs it between her hot skin and the moist material like a zipper, fanning furiously at the exposed skin with her hand, and blowing out air through puffed cheeks like Thomas the Tank Engine.

"Daniel Day Lewis comes here, you know," she pants, adjusting her baseball cap and performing a post-exercise shakedown reminiscent of the game in playgroup when you had to pretend to be jelly-on-a-plate. "I've seen Linford Christie too, and a couple of Gladiators. They can bench-press my 57 'kees' any time."

This means, I think, that Geena weighs 57 kilogrammes, and would like to lie on top of one of these men while he raised her up and down with his arms. Geena is 33, single, works in marketing "for a major fashion house", and comes to the Westside gym in Kensington in search of love — "or failing that, a washboard stomach, square pecs, and a well-filled pair of cycling shorts".

Was it such elevated romantic ideals that led the Princess of Wales to ask Christopher Whalley: "What must a girl do around here to get a guy to buy her a coffee?"? For the answer is clear. What she must do is slip on a G-string leotard over her tights, sit back on a bench like a dentist's chair, and repeatedly raise a 15kg weight by opening and closing her thighs. The sexual messages being sent out in this physical demonstration would draw animal kingdom parallels from Desmond Morris.

"The gym has become *the* modern meat-market," says Hugo, a banker in his late thirties who has the sort of muscles that can hardly be necessary to move even very large amounts of money around. "Initially you come to get in shape — which has something to do with sex, but only in the long term. Then gradually, you realise that most of the people are single, lonely and in great shape. All the goods are in the shop-window, if you know what I mean."



Gym bound: the Princess of Wales

We know about the revival of singles bars, Club 18-30, and the fashion for singles nights at the supermarket, but from the testimony of the Westside regulars it seems that the gym is the real temple of 1990s love.

"Gyms are a licence to do and say things you wouldn't normally be allowed to," says Diana Cheng, 25, who works out every day at the Lingfield Health Club in Belsize Park. "If a gorgeous instructor says you look great, and touches your thigh while you are lifting, you can't exactly slap him in the face. He's only doing his job. The place is throbbing with ambiguities."

That is not all it is throbbing with. From the stretch mats where lithe people limber up before a circuit, or lazy people look at themselves in the mirror and swivel their pelvises, you can hear what sounds like an orgy going on downstairs. Above the din of techno music, the sounds from the weights room are of bumping and grinding, and gigantic masses being thrown down with enormous sighs of relief.

From the moment I entered the Lingfield, I did not expect to get any luckier than I had at the Westside. Two artificially suntanned *Baywatch* types ushered me in at reception — and declared themselves out of my league with the barest gesture of an eyebrow.

Stripped to my old school gym kit, I applied myself to some hideous machines covered in pink leatherette and glanced around. All the women were fully made up, and pausing sporadically in their exertions to mop away sweat lest it dilute their face. Instructors were prowling between machines saying things like "Are you going to make the Funk 'n' Tone session, Deirdre?" and "See you for the Step Challenge, Tina?" Answers came in the form of giggles and "I'm always ready for more punishment from you, Dennis."

While this was happening, the men pumped harder in the quest for the attention Dennis already commanded. I gave up, for I already have the biceps of the Venus de Milo, and went to the bar to see if anyone wanted me to buy them a coffee.

"I don't really drink coffee," said Erica, a woman in her late twenties, who might have been a princess for all I knew. "But it's an interesting line. Most of the women here seem to be sharking. Everyone keeps their make-up on and talks about how toned such and such is looking. Then, if they have been asked out for a drink, they walk around in their tanga briefs for hours, blow-drying their hair, moisturising their bodies, and making up again."

Any advice to a new boy at the gym? "Try Georgia," said Erica, indicating a tall, blonde woman with Sloane Ranger teeth and hair, and a Ralph Lauren jumpsuit. "She might be responsive." I moseyed over.

"What does a guy have to do around here to get a Dexter's Isotonic Sports Drink?" said a voice that wasn't mine, from a body that obscured my route to Georgia. In fact it obscured pretty much everything, except a couple of points: that you do not just show up at the gym and expect to leave with a princess. To stand any chance you not only have to be able to make gym-related topical beverage wisecracks, but you have to be the size of a small housing estate as well.

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Paint that body

by Julia Llewellyn Smith

NO ONE could have predicted that the biggest seller at Bhs (British Home Stores) this Christmas would be Chocolate Body Paint, at £3.50 a jar.

Since launching it in October, the maiden aunt of the high street has sold 202,000 of the innocuous-looking jars, which resemble a family pot of chocolate spread with a pastry brush attached at the side. In the past week alone, shoppers have snapped up 60,000.

"When it was launched everyone thought it was a bit of a joke. No one realised what a big seller it would be," says a Bhs spokeswoman. "It is a bit daring for Bhs, more the kind of thing you would expect to find in Ann Summers."

The instructions, printed on the jar, are ambiguous: "Warm gently, use brush and apply with imagination."

Apply to what? "Well, exactly which part of the body is a matter of personal taste," says the spokeswoman. "But it is also very good as a spread on toast or on ice-cream."

The success of the "paint" — a mixture of milk and white chocolate — has taken Bhs by surprise. "We have a team of six people who work all year round on Christmas gifts, and this year they came up with the idea of a Chocaholics range, which includes chocolate spoons, jigsaws and chess sets. The second biggest seller in the range is a chocolate mousse teddy bear, which has sold 6,500."

Most surprising, perhaps, has been its cross-market appeal, with even posh shoppers flocking to stock up on the jars as jokey presents.

Made from natural ingredients, the paint is perfectly safe on skin and tastes, say those who have tried it, delicious. But how many applications can you get from a 400g jar? Says the spokeswoman: "I suppose it depends on the size of the body you are painting."

Russia's political chameleon

Richard Beeston, in Moscow, on the Communist revival

Lenin would have revised his dim opinion about democracy if he had been alive to see the scale of his successor's victory in the Russian parliamentary elections. In the space of only one day of polling, the Communist Party has succeeded in reclaiming vast expanses of Russian territory, from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific Ocean, in a bloodless campaign which even his finest Red Guard units would have been hard pressed to match.

From angry pensioners in the Far East to unpaid miners in Siberia and disgruntled farmers in southern Russia, nearly a quarter of the population has sent the ailing President Yeltsin a clear message that his days in office may be numbered. Despite four years of economic reforms in Russia and the granting of unprecedented freedoms to its people, a sizeable proportion believes life was better under communism than the chaotic hybrid system in place today.

In interviews with voters across the country during the election coooSIn, the Communists were the easiest to spot. The old woman selling home-grown potatoes out of a battered suitcase in the market of Kolomna, south of Moscow, said she would vote for the Communists because they would lift newly imposed fees at her grandchildren's kindergarten. In Yekaterinburg, a war veteran wearing his campaign medals said he wanted the Communists back to restore law and order on the streets of the crime-ridden capital of the Urals. In the Kuzbass mining region of Siberia, a housewife said she and her family would be voting Communist because Russia was never destined to become a Western-style democracy with a free market.

> Some successful people fear for their safety

Although this army of cranky and nostalgic pensioners may not look like much of a threat individually, put together they pose a far more threatening challenge to the authorities, particularly when viewed from Moscow. For "red tide" sweeping across the country, and now lapping at the gates of the Kremlin, has provoked a predictably shrill response from the newly monied class in the capital.

One neighbour of mine, a successful musician who drives a Volvo and lives in the spacious home of a former Politburo member, is persuaded that if the Communists can translate their success in the Duma, the lower house of parliament, into a presidential victory, his fate is sealed as surely as that of the aristocrats during the French Revolution. "I know what all those old women think when they see me drive past. If they had it their way I would be dangling at the end of a rope on a lamp-post outside my flat," he said, giving his tie a tug for emphasis.

The same, if less graphic, image has been propagated by members of President Yeltsin's administration, who often look and behave like Communist apparatchiks, and most of whom were once party members themselves. They reject the notion that the modern Russian Communists, like their colleagues in Eastern Europe, are simply a branch of social democracy, and argue that they fully intend to drag the country back to the bleakest period of Soviet rule. One senior Kremlin adviser, Mikhail Krasnov, warns that if the Communists ever returned to power, he for one would start looking for a safe cellar in which to hide his children.

The unlikely focus of these dire warnings is Gennadi Zyuganov, the stout, avuncular and affable Communist Party leader, who prides himself on being a pragmatist first and an ideologue second. Once described as a "pick 'n mix" Communist, he has the uncanny ability to brush off the memory of Stalin's purges and Brezhnev's stagnation, and to bring to life the Soviet Union's finest hours, such as the time Marshal Georgi Zhukov defeated Hitler and the day Yuri Gagarin first travelled in space.

When he is having breakfast with President Clinton or attending the Queen's birthday party at the British Embassy, the former teacher makes a convincing argument for the need for foreign investment and a mixed economy of private and public ownership. Those who believe that Russia is past the point of no return in the reform process take his pragmatism to mean that he would not challenge the current dominance of the economy by bankers and industrialists.

His message was so well received at a recent lunch for the American Chamber of Commerce that one American businessman remarked that even he might support Mr Zyuganov if he would only change the name of his party. Russian businessmen, rightly anticipating a Communist backlash, have already beaten the Americans to it. One candidate on the party list, known as "the red millionaire" owns a casino, while another is reportedly funded by a leading Moscow bank.

On the hustings in Russia's backward regions, where Communist support is strongest, Mr Zyuganov's rhetoric is, not surprisingly, altogether different from his cocktail-party small-talk. Out in the provinces, where the main streets are still named after Lenin, Marx and Engels, he remains loyal to party orthodoxy, promising to halt economic reforms, renationalise industry, rebuild the Soviet Union and curtail Western influence on Russia.

Questions about Mr Zyuganov's real convictions and what the new Communist Party of Russia would do if it ever controlled the country have been the subject of exhaustive newspaper articles, diplomatic cables and research institute reports. But no one, including the Communist Party leader himself, has yet established when this political chameleon will stop changing colour.



My feel-bad feedback

The fun of the National Lottery is over — but why does it have to leave us feeling guilty and rather seedy?

Christmas is coming, the goose is piping hot: please give a free ride to the nice man from Oflot. Oh, what fearful and unChristmassy stories we are beset with! Not only do we risk finding a netful of chocolate euros in our stocking, but we approach the season of goodwill with a spitting, snarling, silly row about the director-general of Oflot being flown around by GTech, the American company which owns nearly a quarter of our oh-so-British-sounding Camelot.

Then there is the other row, about whether the GTech chairman, Guy Snowden, did or did not sidle up to Richard Branson with devilish murmurs about "the bottom line", like some villain in an Andrew Davies screenplay. This bred a third row, about whether Mr Branson told Oflot at the time and if so, why it doesn't seem to remember.

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy! If the Three Kings were to turn up in this grumpy island looking for the Holy Child, we could expect Balthazar to be instantly arrested for bullion smuggling, Melchior to have his frankincense seized on suspicion of running a dubious aromatherapy massage business, and Caspar temporarily detained as a White List refugee. His myrrh would go down well, though: we always enjoy anything whose "bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom, sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb". He would get his own Channel 4 show in no time. The Shepherds, of course, would be seen off by the caringly thrown bricks of the animal rights lobby, and the Ox would go mad.

You observe that I have not managed to whip myself into a moral panic over the conduct of Peter Davis of Oflot. He may have been an innocent, or at worst a twit, to think that his cosy relationship with GTech would do no harm to his reputation for impartiality. Perhaps he deserves to be sacked for that, but I smell no deep corruption here.

As for the alleged attempt to buy off Richard Branson, that is a niffier business; but still, alas, no more than we might reasonably expect when a large, rich American company has its sights on a lucrative deal with what it sees as a small, poor naïve country. A guy doesn't want to be impeded by some hick local operator who doesn't shave or even wear a *suit*, for Pete's sake. The impulse of any Big Smart Cheese in these circumstances would be to hint, lightly and unproveably, to the said hick that it would be nice to be friends.

If that is indeed what happened, they picked the wrong man. Not only does Mr Branson have his own aeroplanes, but, incredible though it may seem to bigger players from bigger nations, the Virgin boss has one terribly British characteristic: he likes lots of other things more than money. If you want to be nasty you can say these things are influence, power, control and personal prestige. If you want to be nicer you can believe him when he expresses a desire to do service to the country: to make a difference. Either way, he is the last man anybody should try to bribe.

Libby Purves

But behind these lottery rows lies the real reason why we are all so cross with poor Mr Davis. The National Lottery has created an almost unprecedented "feel-bad" factor. It may be a rip-roaring commercial success, but nonetheless its aura is lousy. Every ticket comes with a built-in hangover: every scratchcard brings on the sort of self-disgust normally found only in the dirtier novels of Martin Amis. If this sounds like the pronouncement of some affluent, out-of-touch pinko liberal, I am sorry: but my social database is actually quite wide, and I have eavesdropped on lottery punters all over the country for a year, mainly while waiting in queues. Nor do I disapprove particularly of gambling: of course a quick flutter can be fun, and of course part of the fun is in the rueful, self-mocking shrug of the shoulders when you lose.

The trouble with this lottery is that, as months went by and its side-effects became apparent, grimness overtook the fun. It is only too obvious now that people who can hardly afford bread and cheese are playing the lottery with concentrated desperation. Perhaps a recession is just a bad time to start a national lottery; however it happened, the expression "a tax on hope" turns out to be a woefully accurate picture of much lottery playing. We have addicts, obsessives, syndicate feuds and the occasional lottery suicide. That scratchcards should be available — even in pubs — to a nation which only a couple of years ago was not allowed to see into a betting-shop or sit down in one has been a major cultural change, and on balance a demoralising one.

Then there is the wider picture. Charities, it is generally agreed, have lost financially from our erroneous idea that a flutter on the lottery is the same as a pound in the tin. On a local level, even jumble-sale and bazaar organisers report lower takings; nationally, Save the Children has announced that it needs to cut back £9 million over two years, losing various projects, because of the "difficult fundraising climate". For its own reasons, it did not link this directly to the lottery, but it must forgive the rest of us for doing just that. If the "fundraising climate" was tough before, it is a lot tougher now. And to make things worse, we now see charity managers and trustees of museums and arts organisations, people who were once proud and resourceful, reduced to the status of mendicants. To get any of this money back, they must wheedle and panhandle to the unelected and at times arrogant worthies who man the lottery funds — and who do not always display impeccable justice, tact or logic.

As for business losses, these were confirmed by yesterday's Henley Centre report. There has been a £2.6 billion drop in what we spend on leisure, food and other gaming. Lottery wins, says Henley, are not going into retail spending; shops with no Camelot terminal are losing their trade. Even the most innocent, sociable amusements suffer: showmen like John Carter, who runs a delightful rarity, an antique travelling Steam Fair, report that summer takings were well down because people said they had spent their "fun money" on lottery tickets. Yet who, in his right mind, finds more fun in a dismal million-to-one gamble than in giving a child a ride on a real Victorian steam roundabout? Are we so warped?

Camelot is pulling in £200,000 a week of this funless money in profits; which makes us all, scratching and stabbing at arid little paper forms, feel even worse. Worse still, now that we have had our noses rubbed in the fact that a foreign company owns so much of it, and took so much trouble to be lavishly hospitable towards our hapless Oflot "regulator". We have been bought, and rather cheaply. The shame of it is what makes us bay so balefully for Mr Davis's blood.

The lottery has been mishandled; any bookie, barmaid, brothelkeeper or lingerie saleswoman could tell you why. For those who purvey self-indulgent minor vices have always known that if you want to profit from human frailty you must make the customer feel comfortable, preferably in an orotund, Dickensian, Micawberish, lovable sort of way. A really successful vice, whether spending spree, flutter, flirtation or mild debauch, should leave the customer able to wink conspiratorially, giggle with only faint apology, and say "Naughty, but nice!" or "Ooh, you are awful, but I like you!" — whereas we now buy lottery tickets thinking, "Naughty, and ugh, seedy with it!", and are quite unable to give a Dick Emery wink, even to Anthea Turner.

Oflot should have remembered this human need not to feel disgusting, and given the lottery to Richard Branson. Even if the total take had been less — as they say it would — I suspect that the breezy, bearded enthusiast would have made us feel better about it than the watchful grey men of Camelot. Mr Branson said he would not take a profit, and he is not an inefficient businessman: it would have done well enough. And if it had been less successful than Camelot, as Oflot also believes, that in itself might have been better for charities and business.

As it is we passed through pleasure, through addiction, to queasy self-disgust, all in a few months. The only thing we can think of to make us feel better is to have Mr Davis's head. Merry Christmas everybody!

Europe's man of vision

Woodrow Wyatt says Tories should not be defeatist

The only rational and level-headed leader at Madrid, apart from Lamberto Dini, the Italian Prime Minister, was John Major. The other 13 hurtled blindly towards a single currency, as though the 1999 deadline were immutable and sacred. Mr Major's insistence that the implications should be studied first and that there is no hurry to fiddle with national currencies was treated as an aberration. Helmut Kohl ostensibly presents meeting the deadline as an article of religious faith in the EU. His object, clearly, is to get all the current members to accept a single currency before the ten or so countries waiting to join the EU are admitted — or perhaps become so alarmed by the impossibility of making their economies meet the conditions that they withdraw their applications.

Herr Kohl and his ally, France, would prefer not to enlarge the EU, which would be more difficult for them to control. France, haunted by memories of previously lost wars, sticks to the belief that subservience to Germany is safer. Hence the austerity programme to make France ready to meet single currency qualifications by 1999, which, though good in itself, has provoked the calamitous French strikes. Instinctively, the French strikers have felt their national identity under threat, as do the Germans when told they must merge their revered mark with baser currencies.

As the European Commission begins spending our money to persuade us of the imperative necessity of a single currency, John Major alone asks the pertinent questions. As only a handful of nations could initially form a single currency, what happens when those outside it take advantage of their flexible exchange rates to undercut the export prices of those within? The powerful minority within the single currency would be bound to take protectionist measures, which in turn would derail the single market. Again, the weaker EU countries outside the single currency — unable to survive the pressures from those inside — would insist on enormous subsidies, so increasing the European Commission's spending.

Grudgingly, all had to agree to Mr Major's demand for an in-depth analysis of all possible effects of sticking to an arbitrary deadline. He is determined that nothing should be done which cuts across the vital needs of each country to decide its own taxation and internal spending, leaving nations free to match these to their own economic cycles. Mr Major has already said Britain has no intention of rejoining the exchange-rate mechanism, which was such a disaster for us. We are not being left on the sidelines — we are at the heart, leading Europe towards common sense, to the anger of Herr Kohl and his henchman, M Chirac, from whom I had hoped for better.

How blind are those in all parties, who cannot see that behind his modesty we have found in John Major a great and patient democratic statesman, maturing through experience, quite unlike the bullying autocrats Kohl and Chirac, whose countries have rarely been noted for their democracy. Cabinet ministers, unless it is wholeheartedly to support Mr Major's very English policy of wait-and-see, should be silent. John Major, seeing long and wisely, negotiated our opt-out. If a Tory Cabinet were to decide not to use it, which I very much doubt, he would hold a referendum.

Today a few restless Tories, unable to see further than their own shoelaces, propose to vote against Mr Major over the common fisheries policy. Part Cornish and having had an elder brother, now dead, who was once High Sheriff of Cornwall, I sympathise strongly with our fishermen. Unfortunately, stocks have been ruinously depleted by over-fishing and must be given a chance to grow again. We blame the Spaniards, but the Spanish curse their Government for selling out by agreeing to the new rules starting in 1996. *El Mundo* reports the chairman of the Pasajas Fishermen's Association: "If they were going to give up like this, there was no need to go to Brussels to negotiate." Spaniards are united in claiming that the treaty under which they acceded to the EU has been breached and left them worse off.

If the EU had never been invented, an international agreement on fishing in European waters would have been inevitable. Withdrawal now from the fisheries policy would involve rewriting the Treaty of Rome, causing pointless rancour.

I assume that Tory MPs still want to win the next election. Many are absurdly defeatist. Voting against their Government today will change nothing, but will display a decadent disloyalty which will not enhance their electoral chances. Brave Tories should seize on the growing approval for Mr Major's economic policies — witness the booming Christmas retail sales. Unemployment has fallen for 27 months in a row; mortgage rates are at a 30-year low; inflation has been checked. Seventy per cent of the country backs Major's approach to the EU. Changing from Mr Major to Mr Blair looks increasingly like a change for the worse.

Statesmanlike

DIVISIONS at the *New Statesman & Society* plumbed new depths last night as the left-leaning magazine was expected to go into liquidation. The magazine's majority shareholder, the socialist millionaire Philip Jeffrey, said at the weekend that he was putting the magazine's parent company into receivership.

The decision comes after yet another bust-up between Jeffrey (a pugnacious chap with a short fuse) and the magazine's five independent trustees, who were appointed to guarantee the loss-making magazine's editorial independence. The trustees have blocked his attempt to transfer ownership to a new structure giving him sole control.

In a statement yesterday, four of the trustees — who include Labour's divine MP for Barking, Margaret Hodge, and the journalist Neal Ascherson — defended their decision to block Jeffrey's plans. "We have not been able to secure any assurance that there would be any institutional protection for editorial freedom and independence in this new structure, over which Mr Jeffrey demanded total and unimpeded control."

Privately, the trustees have criticised the magazine's Editor, Steve Platt, an arch-critic of Tony Blair, whom they blame for failing to restore its fortunes in line with those of the Labour Party. Platt has said he will resign, but Jeffrey, who supports his stance, may yet persuade him to stay. "It's an intelligent guess that Mr Jeffrey will find the sort of liquidator who will enable him to buy back the magazine," said Ascherson. Neither Platt nor Jeffrey would comment.



"... Should auld acquaintance be forgot ..."

● *Fleas have been running riot in the newsroom of Radio 5 where reporters are being eaten alive. One person was bitten a dozen times and had to go to the doctor. "It was definitely not an infestation," says a spokesman, itching with indignation. "I don't know where they picked them up."*

Rinky-dink

SCOOPED sorbet is the speciality of the house at Bistro Bolero, Sarajevo's newest restaurant, which sits on the site of the ice-rink where Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean took gold at the 1984 Olympics to the hypnotic rhythm of Ravel's *Bolero*.

The war-battered arena that echoed then to the cheers of sports fans now has a military feel, for part of Nato's peace-enforcing contingent is stationed there. Its round-the-clock restaurant is booked up for months ahead, even though the roof disappeared under Serb shelling and the rink's cavernous interior is no warmer than an Eskimo's larder.

● *Of all the former Soviet republics now treading the world stage, The Times has a particular affinity with Belorussia, which opened its Embassy in London yesterday. Uladzimir Syanko, the Foreign Minister, and Uladzimir Shchasny, the Ambassador, learnt their impeccable English from the authoritative language tapes made by my colleague, Michael Binyon, our diplomatic editor, when he taught at the Minsk Pedagogical Institute.*

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Legging it

MECHANICS at a garage in Twickenham, west London, were startled yesterday when they removed the engine from a car imported from California and a female Black Widow spider scuttled out.

The lethal beast was lethargic owing to the cold, but it took half an hour and very long sticks to trap it in a jam-jar. By the afternoon, however, London Zoo — which has hitherto owned only the less impressive Brown Widow — was proudly showing off its new charge, which knows how to travel in appropriate style. The make of car chosen by the San Diego stowaway was a Fiat 124 Spider.

Stirring still

THE PRINCESS OF WALES has jotted down her recipe for watercress soup in a celebrity cookbook, *Recipes for Life* — but far more exciting is Tony Benn's version of tea: "Take one pint of pure water and boil it in a kettle with North Sea gas. Add one teabag from the Commonwealth, some milk, and sugar from the Third World and stir until the tea assumes a satisfying deep colour. Then remove the teabag and take every hour, or more often if necessary," says Benn.

Gravy train

ONE PLUMP TURKEY that won't be stuffed for a Christmas dinner table this year is George, the "animal companion" of the pop singer John Oates. George awaits a different fate — as the feathery star in a vegetarian campaign with Martina Navratilova.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has encouraged George and Martina to cuddle up in Aspen, Colorado, where they are neighbours. "It means caring about all the other individuals around us, including George, my fine feathered friend," she gushes. "George loves grapes, fresh air and music. Whenever the radio is on he stops to warble and sway." Does he play tennis?



Navratilova and friend

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SINGLE DECISION

Major has more room for manoeuvre than he thinks

Today's Commons vote on European fisheries policy will indicate nothing more substantial than the chaos of Conservative European politics. There are Tory MPs in fishing constituencies who have a cogent reason to vote for a Labour amendment and against the Government. But for Euro-enthusiasts and Euro-sceptics upset for opposite reasons by the outcome of the Madrid summit, today's vote is simply another opportunity to vent spleen against John Major. The principal, if inadvertent, effect of rebellion will be to make more likely a Labour victory at the next general election.

The Prime Minister's latest remarks on the single currency are those of a man who considers himself trapped by the internal tensions of his party. He seems convinced of the folly of a single currency and recognises that it might destroy the single market. He says it "is still not too late for Europe to think this through". Yet, in other respects, his actions suggest a confusing quiescence in the drift towards monetary union. He allows his Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, to talk up a project which he himself publicly disowns. Mr Clarke not only predicts that a single currency will happen. He all but announces to the world that Britain should be part of it. The discrepancy between the Prime Minister's caution and the Chancellor's bravado has become a gross embarrassment.

Mr Major should forget his whip's instincts for a while and take a few political risks. He cannot now rule out a single currency in the next Parliament, much as many in his party and the country would like him to do so. He has too often ruled out such a decision to change his mind now and retain political credibility. On this point, Mr Clarke has indeed painted his boss into a corner.

In other respects, however, Mr Major has more room for manoeuvre than he perhaps suspects. The groundswell of Tory opinion against the Chancellor on European policy has become overwhelming. Even to naturally loyalist Conservatives, who have previously opposed Euro-sceptic rebellion, Mr Clarke's flamboyant espousal of further European integration in private and public has become a source of outrage. With great effort, the party has tried to edge towards a sensible sceptical consensus which does not exclude it from the European negotiating table. To ordinary Tories, the Chancellor seems bent on destroying this fragile truce.

The straightforward course open to the Prime Minister is to show the courage of his convictions and to announce, without telling all his colleagues in advance, that he will hold a referendum should the Cabinet decide to join the single currency. This raises long-term questions about Cabinet solidarity and the role of ministers in a referendum campaign. But the medium-term risks of such a strategy are comparatively small. If Mr Clarke, or any other minister, felt compelled to resign over the promise of a plebiscite, he would be free to do so. But to resign on this principle, long before it became a practical issue, would be political suicide. Mr Major can be confident that he would not be damaged by resignations from his Cabinet on this point: those who left the Government because they opposed the mere prospect of a referendum would mark themselves out for ever as suspiciously anti-democratic.

The true risk is that the Prime Minister waits too long to announce a decision which he seems already to have taken. Tony Blair is clearly toying with the idea that he should make a similar declaration of intent, aware that Labour's European policy will be at the heart of the Conservative bid for re-election. Mr Major cannot afford to be seen as less Euro-sceptical than the Leader of the Opposition. If the cost of a referendum is that his Chancellor walks, so be it.

FRANCE COUNTS THE COST

A country divided against itself

France's turbulent weeks of public protest are at last petering out in an uneasy, partial and possibly temporary truce. Having surrendered to the militant railway workers and backed away from public sector pension reforms which are both economically necessary and socially just, the strikes have cost France £4 billion to date. Alain Juppé's Government has barely begun to measure the further economic costs of the concessions he has made and the political bill, while harder to compute, could well run higher still.

Rarely has a Western Prime Minister with an overwhelming political majority appeared so vulnerable as M Juppé does now. His ability to govern France must be permanently in doubt because he has shown how little he understands the electorate. If he has now given ground which he knows that he should not have conceded, it is mainly because he failed to assess the strength of the enemy or to plan his campaign.

Most French people concede that the country has been living beyond its means; but to acknowledge that in principle is not the same thing as accepting a share of the bill. Persuasion was essential. But M Juppé seems to have assumed that his huge majority in parliament guaranteed public acceptance of his unpleasant but necessary medicine. Thus, having dithered for months, he handed his reform package down to the French electorate with all the finality of Moses bringing the tablets of the law down from Mount Sinai. He compounded this appearance of arrogance by proposing to implement much of the legislation by decree.

For such hubris he has been sharply humiliated. The gloomiest news for the Government is that it has failed to make political capital out of the chaos. At the end of weeks of struggling to work and even after some extremely ugly scenes of violence France is evenly split: 49 per cent now support the Juppé reforms, but 47 per cent are against. Above all, there is no real indication that many French people have made the logical connection between excessive government spending and their extremely high personal tax burden: there is still a widespread belief that a disembodied State, not the taxpayer, mysteriously finds the money for welfare and pensions.

Having insisted that his reforms stood or fell as an indivisible package, M Juppé is now resigned to negotiations. People ask why he waited until now, if that was a possibility. Further retreat may now be forced upon him. The Prime Minister's appeal last weekend for "reconciliation and understanding" may simply encourage militant union leaders to persist with their demand for the withdrawal of the entire *plan Juppé*.

France's winter of discontent is far from over and it is not only the militant Left that scents victory: the xenophobic extreme Right will also gain from the widespread, if mistaken, public perception that spending cuts are imposed less by France's domestic economic needs than by the requirements of the timetable for European monetary union. The past few weeks have put on wounding display the gulf of trust between governors and governed in France which President Chirac identified during his election campaign, and promised to heal. De Gaulle used to say that the French had no talent for reform, only for revolution: but the real lesson of the past few weeks is that France will find it easier to put its economic house in order when its political class learns to treat French voters as adults.

CHRISTMAS ARISTOBREAKS

Blandings Castle moves with the times to take in paying guests

"Beach, Beach, where has my *Whiffle* gone?" Lord Emsworth's voice quavered as close to that of woman wailing for her demon-lover as was practicable for an elderly peer with a fruity baritone and placid habits. For 40 years *Whiffle on the Care of the Pig* had rested on the Grinling Gibbons lectern, beside *Debrett's* (which from constant use fell comfortingly open at nobility with titles beginning with E). But they had been replaced on this stand of honour in Blandings library by garish magazines with such incomprehensible titles as *Second-Hand Car Dealer* and *Big Forecourt Fair Play*.

"Lady Constance has substituted reading-matter she judges to be more to the taste of our paying guests, My Lord," replied Beach. Nothing could disturb the butler's majestic gravitas. But it was evident that an emotion close to a volcanic eruption was forming on his upper slopes, making his first three chins wobble like Vesuvius in action. "Paying guests?" cried Lord Emsworth, with the crescendo of woman with open mouth wailing for her d.-l. who has just swallowed a fly. "What paying guests? We had the garden-opening as recently as August."

"It has been decided that such occasional visitors are no longer sufficient to secure the long-term viability of Blandings Holdings plc," rumbled Beach. "So the company secretary, Mr Baxter, has arranged for us to entertain a convention of motor trade representatives and their alleged partners. There are to be carols and mulled wine in the hall before dinner. Lady Constance says you are to be sure to wear your robes and coronet for the video-recorder opportunity afterwards."

"Has she gone out of her mind?" roared the peer, like w. w. for her d.-l. who has now swallowed a hornet. "I am assured that the best families are all in the stately hotelier trade now," replied Beach. "The Marquess of Northampton is offering a Yuletide house party at Castle Ashby. And there are still places left for *Mincepie and Mistletoe* breaks at Sudeley Castle and Duns. . . ."

But Lord Emsworth was no longer present. He was trotting as fast as his legs would carry him towards the pigsty. But the market economy had penetrated even that porcine paradise. The Empress of Blandings was squealing indignantly as two revolting children rode on her back, egged on by their parents: "Give the piggy-wiggy the gun, Kylie. Step on it, Marlon."

Lord Emsworth would have erupted to make Vesuvius sound like a pig's grunt in a poke. But his sister and the Efficient Baxter were smiling at this disgraceful scene with the smugness of newly successful entrepreneurs. So he made his way sadly to the walled garden, where he was so moved that he poured out his troubles to McAllister. "Mphmm," replied that taciturn Aberdonian. "Ye should count yourself lucky, My Laird. Ye have paying guests only for Christmas and Hogmanay. But at Beaufort Castle up in God's own country the Lovats have the Stagecoach people all the year round."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tories stalled by attitudes to EU

From Mr Peter E. Robin

Sir, Do the leaders of the Conservative Party realise the effect of the neurotic xenophobia which they vent on Europe? There are consequences in the realm of foreign credibility and foreign trade, as well as on their own election prospects: already Britain is viewed as an insular nonentity by most of our European partners, who have little more than contempt for our fears and our antipathy to political progress.

What do these leaders imagine is the attitude of our European partners and their people towards our products and our country? It is amazing that we have been as successful as we have. How much more prosperous would we have been had our partners been able to deal with a supportive, far-seeing Britain instead of the belligerent, almost abusive Britain represented by our former Prime Minister and some of the subsequent Government's ministers?

Since Europe seems to be the single most significant issue that divides the Conservative Party, and since unity is the single most important factor which makes a party electable, I suggest that Europe will be the main reason why the Conservatives will not win the next election.

Much of the electorate look beyond tomorrow and tax cuts and towards the longer-term future of a Europe consisting of the Western European Union, integrated military and police forces, increased democracy in a European Parliament, and an economic and political unit which can face any other such unit on equal terms. While the Labour Party does not appear particularly positive, at least it has not set its face against Europe.

Yours sincerely,
P. E. ROBIN,
37 Knightlow Road, Birmingham 17.
December 18.

From Mr A. J. Turner

Sir, Edwina Currie's economics are awry (letter, December 15). It is not governments that devalue currency, but the international markets. If they recognise that a pound is not worth what the Government says it is worth there is little that government can do.

Governments can, by loosening the money supply, create the conditions in which devaluation is inevitable. If British governments had not created such conditions our savers might have benefited but producers of consequentially higher-priced goods might have found fewer buyers abroad. Treaties can prevent devaluation, but they cannot eliminate such difficult choices.

In any event, it is surely better that government is free to take decisions where they can. They must then answer to their electors for the consequences, rather than blame "Europe" (as they inevitably will) for restricting their room for manoeuvre and hence their failure to keep people in work.

The consequences of a single currency are about as attractive as those of rate-capping. It takes away responsibility from local decision-makers. It enables them to blame others for all manner of problems, many self-inflicted. It requires an ever-mightier State to iron out differences of wealth by transfers from the rich to the poor.

In short, it is a road to socialism. As such it is unacceptable to this "good Tory" and former Euro-candidate.

Your obedient servant,
ANDREW TURNER,
32 New High Street,
Headington, Oxford.
December 16.

From Mr Alan Blyth

Sir, The Prime Minister reminds me of nothing so much as a maiden aunt: grey and tetchy, determined to spoil the celebrations, in this case those for a single currency. In so doing, Mr Major is failing his country.

Why can't he follow the excellent advice of Edwina Currie, welcome the stiff challenge (as his Chancellor seems willing to do) and confound the sceptics and cynics? If Major cannot or will not give us positive leadership he should give way to a Prime Minister who will.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN BLYTH,
22 Shilling Street,
Lavenham, Suffolk.
December 17.

From Mr Victor Black

Sir, Robin Cook ("Join us over Europe", December 14) writes once again of the fear that Britain will be "isolated" if we don't do what others in Europe want.

The last time Britain was really isolated was in 1940, and Europe is still enjoying the result.

Yours faithfully,
VICTOR BLACK,
Lower Farm House,
Coln Rogers, Gloucestershire.
December 14.

From Professor B. P. Setchell

Sir, Why has the proposed single European currency to be named after an Australian kangaroo? "Euro" is the accepted common name of a desert kangaroo, *Macropus robustus*.

Yours etc,
B. P. SETCHELL,
As from: University of Adelaide,
Department of Animal Science,
Adelaide, South Australia.
December 16.

Concern over Royal Navy shortages

From Mr C. J. A. Cope

Sir, Has this Government given up on placing new orders for the Royal Navy? Orders for five new ships were confidently expected before the end of this year. This will not now happen.

It is 33 years since we ordered any amphibious assault ships. The replacement orders for these ships, *Fearless* and *Intrepid*, have been awaited every year since we won the Falklands War. The National Audit Office reported in May 1995 that they were then running three months late. A confidential MoD report now suggests that no orders will be placed until next March at the earliest.

Fearless will have been in service for 31 years next year. *Intrepid* (two years younger) is said to be such a rusty old tub that the Navy dare not send her to sea again. The new orders will take six years to complete. What of our amphibious capability between now and 2002?

Our last anti-submarine frigate was ordered four years ago. Up to three new Type 23 frigate orders were to have been ordered this autumn. Now there is to be a further slippage until next January or February. In the summer, GEC Yarrow (which built most of the ten Type 23s in service) announced 415 redundancies due to lack of orders. Vosper Thornycroft has also tendered for these frigates.

There have been no orders for offshore patrol boats in 15 years, for coastal survey ships in nine years, for Royal Fleet Auxiliary replenishment ships in eight. Orders for survey and replenishment ships are urgently required. Apart from *Trident*, we last ordered a submarine ten years ago. In the last six years, the only major orders placed have been just three frigates, one helicopter-carrier and two Trident submarines.

In reports published in 1993 and 1994, the Commons Defence Committee stated:

In the event of full-scale war, the Royal Navy would be incapable of defending our sea routes on which we depend for both trade and the movement of our Armed Forces. It is our view that this shortcoming poses a serious and potentially fatal threat to the long-term security of this country [September 1993].

We look forward to the time when sufficient funds are available to rebuild our defence forces to the level required for our national security [September 1994].

Delays over new orders are becoming of increasing concern, particularly in view of the Government's past neglect of our maritime defences.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. A. COPE
(Parliamentary Correspondent, *Warship World*),
35 Park Street, Thame, Oxfordshire.
December 14.

Diet and disease

From the Secretary General of the Aluminium Federation

Sir, Professor A. R. Michell (letter, December 11) compares the statistical chances of contracting CJD with those of getting Alzheimer's disease. While we cannot fault this analysis, we take issue with his reference to aluminium and Alzheimer's.

No doctor or scientist has claimed that aluminium is a direct cause of Alzheimer's. We all absorb approximately six milligrams of aluminium from our daily diet, to which the contribution from the use of aluminium cooking utensils is minute. To throw them away would be a totally unnecessary waste of excellent products.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID A. HARRIS,
Secretary General,
Aluminium Federation,
Broadway House, Calthorpe Road,
Five Ways, Birmingham 15.
December 14.

From Dr Lawrence T. Weaver

Sir, If present trends continue between 20 per cent and 50 per cent of today's children will eventually die of diet-related diseases. Eating habits are established in childhood, and schools have a duty not only to educate children about healthy eating but also to provide meals that pose no threat to their future health.

If borough councils, educational authorities and other bodies that control the provision of school meals seriously wish to improve the future health of schoolchildren, rather than ban beef (which with our present knowledge, is likely to save the lives of a negligible number of children) they should introduce a diet that could save thousands of children from premature death in later years from coronary heart disease, hypertension, cerebro-vascular disease and diseases related to obesity.

When there is an abundance of evidence that meals high in saturated fat and refined sugar and low in fibre, iron and calcium have adverse long-term effects on health, it seems illogical to ban beef alone. Hysteria about mad-cow disease should be channelled towards making sensible, evidence-based changes in the eating habits of schoolchildren.

Yours sincerely,
LAWRENCE WEAVER,
University of Glasgow,
Department of Human Nutrition,
Yorkhill Hospitals, Glasgow 3.
December 12.

School standards

From Professor Emeritus M. Hammerton

Sir, It has at last been generally admitted that the standard of mathematics teaching in schools has crashed (letters, December 13); but mathematics is only singled out because it is easier to judge the decline objectively. Various half-measures to arrest the rot are under discussion: we may be confident that they will fail.

Surely it is time to state publicly what so many are murmuring in private, that education policy took a series of wrong turns, and that a major reorientation is needed. Specifically, there should be selection, leading to separate secondary schools for the abler children. Further, the mush-rooming of numbers in what used to be called "higher" education needs to be reversed: let there be fewer, but better.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
M. HAMMERTON,
42 Honister Avenue,
Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne.
December 13.

Greenhouse effect?

From Mr Bryan Diamond

Sir, In his article on Richard Rogers's proposed "crystal palace" to cover the Queen Elizabeth Hall and the Hayward Gallery on London's South Bank (Arts, December 13) Marcus Binney admits that the glass roof could be stifling in summer but says that the Rogers/Arup solution is to install the glazing used on the covered courtyards at the Louvre in Paris, and the Kunsthalle in Hamburg.

When I visited the Louvre on a sunny day in May, the heat on entering the glass pyramid was almost overpowering, until I escaped down into the basement. This does not augur well for Rogers's plan for London — we must avoid expensive mistakes.

Yours truly,
BRYAN DIAMOND,
Flat 2, 80 Fitzjohn's Avenue, NW3.
December 13.

Christmas message

From Mrs Pauline Allen

Sir, Whilst shopping I saw this notice on a display of nativity figures: "Interesting centrepiece for your Christmas decorations."

Yours faithfully,
PAULINE ALLEN,
Hollands, Hedsor Road,
Bourne End, Buckinghamshire.
December 15.

Tom Burns in Madrid

From Mr P. A. N. P. Laing

Sir, As the last surviving member of the British Embassy in Madrid during the Second World War, I well recall the valuable role as press attaché played by Tom Burns (Editor of *The Tablet*, 1967-82), whose admirable obituary you published on December 9.

Relations between Britain and Spain were very strained, especially following our Soviet alliance, and Nazi propaganda was fierce and believed. Despite this, Tom, who was married to Mabel, the charismatic daughter of an eminent academician, Gregorio Marañon, had access to all that was brightest in Spanish political thought and the arts. Spaniards warmed, as they always will, to an enthusiast and extrovert, allowing Tom to achieve remarkable success in promoting the British view and a belief in the final victory of the Allies.

At the war's end, trying to temper the extremes of anathema heaped upon Spain, he was branded partisan. He thus forfeited his due reward of the OBE until after his retirement in 1982.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LAING,
Turweston Manor, Turweston,
Nr Brackley, Northamptonshire.
December 11.

Paying the penalty

From Mr Richard Fagence

Sir, While applauding Judge Tumim's support of prisoners being given proper work in return for a proper wage (letter, December 13) I fear he may have forgotten to include a group who could also benefit.

Prisoners should support their families if possible, and self-respect could be developed as a result. It would be pleasing to imagine that the better-paid could share the burden of income tax borne by the rest of us.

It would be even better if, at the start of a sentence, compensation for the victim of the prisoner's crime could be set and payment in full made a condition of any consideration for parole. The prospect of "no work, no release" might be a powerful deterrent.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD A. FAGENCE,
109 Wolf Lane,
Windsor, Berkshire.
December 14.

With the postal delays that often occur at this time of year, it is useful, where possible, for letters to be faxed to 0171-782 5046. Please give contact telephone numbers.

Death knell for London institute

From Mr Derek Ingram and others

Sir, It appears that the Government is determined to sound the death knell of the Commonwealth Institute in Kensington High Street. Its executive committee has been told to close the galleries by April 1 and to serve redundancy notices on staff.

The institute has made much progress in the past two years towards its target of becoming self-financing, raising nearly £1 million a year, but the Government has rejected appeals for further time to continue these efforts and is to table an Order in Council to amend the institute's 1958 Act so that it can be closed. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office, which funds the institute, has been uncompromising, presumably because of its own budget cuts.

In 1997 the Government is to host the Commonwealth heads of government meeting — the first in Britain for 20 years — and in the last year or two has acknowledged the growing importance to Britain of the Commonwealth relationship. The institute is the main source of education in this country about the Commonwealth for the next generation. It seems inconceivable that the Government should be content to stop its work.

Mr Rifkind is to appear before the *House of Commons Foreign Affairs* Committee on Tuesday (December 19) at the end of its year-long inquiry into the role of Britain in the Commonwealth.

It is to be hoped that the committee's members will expect from him an explanation of the Government's peremptory action, and that Mr Rifkind will be ready to give one, and to make some commitment to keeping in being this invaluable British resource and window on the Commonwealth.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK INGRAM
(Past President, Commonwealth Journalists Association),
RICHARD BOURNE
(Director, Commonwealth Non-Governmental Office for South Africa),
PETER LYON
(Editor, *The Round Table*: the Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs),
PRUNELLA SCARLETT
(Director, Commonwealth Affairs, Commonwealth Trust),
5 Wyndham Mews, W1.
December 15.

Piety and prurience

From Dr Valerie Steele

Sir, I thoroughly enjoyed Daniel Johnson's review (Weekend, December 2) denouncing my new book, *Fetish: Fashion, Sex and Power*.

I certainly hope that Mr Johnson is right when he predicts that "doubtless this book . . . will sell well". He has done his bit to help, by emphasising its "lascivious subject matter" and "kinky illustrations".

But what is priceless is his blimpish tone of outraged propriety. According to Mr Johnson, Oxford University Press stands "convicted of prurience" for publishing my book, which contributes to the decline of "decency".

Most scholars would argue, however, that human sexuality is a perfectly legitimate field of academic inquiry. Mr Johnson's references to "prudishness", "piety" and "prurience" seem to indicate that he believes all discussions of sexuality require a heavy dose of moralising.

Fortunately readers can make up their own minds.

Sincerely yours,
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Division of Graduate Studies,
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New York, NY 10001-5992.
December 12.

Gifts for Bosnia

From Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly

Sir, Our splendid Army is embarking on a vast extension to a most thankless task. We in St Tudy realise that our Christmas will be more comfortable than that of 15,000 of our soldiers and airmen living amongst the snow and rats in the hills and villages of stricken Bosnia.

So, in our small way, St Tudy is sending all the paperbacks, games, cakes, cards, etc, we can drum up. Other towns and villages will, we hope, wish to do so too.

Yours truly,
LOUIS LE BAILLY,
Garlands House,
St Tudy, Bodmin, Cornwall.

Sport on TV

From Mr David Fuller

Sir, In direct contrast to Mr Tim de Ferrars (letter, December 15) I am prepared to pay a higher licence fee for my television now that I know I shall not be subjected to hours of motor racing, football matches, Test matches and other interruptions in the provision of a first-class educational, informative and entertaining service.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID FULLER,
Thornfield, 26 Shearbank Road,
Blackburn, Lancashire.
December 15.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 18: The Prince Edward, Chairman, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK
December 18: Princess Alexandra this morning attended the Funeral of Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk, which was held at the Parish Church of St Nicholas, Arundel, West Sussex.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended a "Celebration of Christmas" in aid of the Mental Health Foundation at Guildhall, City of London.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will visit Barton Street Police Station, Gloucester, at 1.05 to meet police officers and representatives of the local community.

Princess Alexandra, as President of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, will attend a carol concert in Glasgow Cathedral at 5.45.

The Duchess of Kent will attend the Christmas celebrations in Westminster Cathedral at 6.30.

Birthdays today

Sir Antony Buck, QC, former MP, 67; Mr Ross Buckland, chief executive, Unigate, 53; Mr Upamanyu Chatterjee, novelist, 36; Mr Timothy Eggar, MP, 44; Dame Catherine Hall, former general secretary, Royal College of Nursing, 73; Brigadier L.J. Harris, cartographer, 85; Sir Brian Hill, president, Higgs and Hill, 63; Mr Steven Isserlis, cellist, 37; Mr Syd Little, comedian, 53; Mr Tim Parks, novelist, 41; the Marquess of Queensberry, 66; Dr David Rowe-Beddoe, chairman, Welsh Development Agency, 58; Sir David Rowe-Ham, former Lord Mayor of London, 60; Professor Thomas Christopher Smout, Historiographer Royal in Scotland, 62; Lord Weir, 64.

Sir Fred Warner

A memorial service for Sir Fred Warner will take place on Thursday, January 25, 1996, at 5.30pm at St Peter's Church, Kensington Park Road, W11 (opposite Stanley Gardens).

Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of the Royal Society of Chemistry in December, 1995. They are entitled to use the designation "Chartered Chemist" and the letters CChem FRSC:

Jacqueline Akhavan, Colin Geoffrey Blake, Paul Barron Edwards, Michael David Gibson, Michael Dennis Henderson, Perry Theodore Raye, Ronald Harvey Lewin, Sarah Mary Sau-Tung Liao, Hector Sutherland Macdonald, Charles Michael Manson, Joseph Philip Michael, Stephen John Mumby, William John Poling, Panayiotis Alexandrou Procopiou, Robert Anderson Ross, David Roy Stanley, Timothy Swan, Antonin Vicek and William James White.

Institute of Biology

The following have been elected as Fellows and may use the designatory letters CBiol FIBiol:

Professor D Atkinson; Professor F J Bourne; Professor M J C Crabbe; Dr R G J Edyvean; Dr D T Greenwood; Dr R Goulder; Dr D R Harper; Dr D J Lewis; Dr J A Lucas; Professor J M Marshall; Dr T S Ogilvie-Graham; Professor A D Pickering; Dr V R Preedy; Dr P Silley; Dr N J C Snell; Dr V A Varley; Dr R Williamson; Dr J M Wright.

Call 0171 581 8333 for information on membership.

Service dinner

Combined Cadet Force

Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, was the principal guest at the annual officers' dinner of the Combined Cadet Force held last night at the Imperial Hotel, London. Lieutenant-Colonel H.R. Nye was chairman of the dinner.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.M. Brown and Miss S.L.C. Pyper

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Brown, of Lowsonford, Warwickshire, and Sara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Pyper, of Guildford, Surrey.

M C. Hellegouët and Miss R.A. Ford

The engagement is announced between Christian, elder son of M and Mme François Hellegouët, of Lesneven, Britany, and Rebecca Ford, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Ford, of Treviades Barton, nr Falmouth, Cornwall.

Mr J. Lawson and Miss H. Acton-Stow

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Lawson, of Lea Cross, Shropshire, and Harriet, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Acton-Stow, of Pimlico, London.

Mr A.P.C. Pover and Miss L.C. Bower

The engagement is announced between Ashley, son of Mr Peter Pover, of Washington DC and the late Mrs Margaret Pover, formerly of Epsom, Surrey, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Bower, of Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire.

Mr J.F. Pugh and Miss L.J. Roberts

The engagement is announced between Josef, son of Mr Jonathan Pugh, of Hove, and Mrs Jennifer Wilshaw, of Lewes, Sussex, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Roberts, of Bath.

Mr G.V. Whitfield and Mrs J. Harper

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey Whitfield, of Brighton, and Jean Harper, of Amersham. The marriage will take place in Amersham, in May.

Marriages

Mr I.W.E. Engel and Miss S.R. Scott

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 9, 1995, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Windlesham, between Mr Ivor Warren Ernst Engel, son of the late Mr Ernst Engel and of Mrs Heidi Engel, of Cuffley, Hertfordshire, and Miss Sara Rosamund Scott, youngest daughter of the late Mr James Hinton Scott and of Mrs Peter Dimmock, of Windlesham Park, Surrey. The Rev Jeremy Pierssené officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Anthony Scott, was attended by Polly Aldridge, John Meghen, Sam Aldridge and Gus Grafftey-Smith. Mr David Mitchell was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr D. Hare and Miss G. Burkitt

The marriage took place on Friday, December 15, in Ireland, between Mr David Hare, son of Mr James Hare and of Mrs Frederick Pearson, and Miss Geraldine Burkitt, daughter of Mr and Mrs Julian Burkitt.



SIMON WALKER

Ten-year-old Joseph de Lacey and other members of Westminster Cathedral Choir School rehearsing their music yesterday for *A Christmas Celebration* which will be held in the cathedral today

Polar medals

The Queen has approved the award of Polar Medals to the following for outstanding achievement and service to British Polar exploration and research:

Antarctic to 1994

Neil Stephen Gilbert, marine biologist and base commander

Antarctic to 1995

David John Cutting, chief engineer officer *RRS James Clark Ross*

Martin Clive Davey, plant ecologist and winter base commander

Hector Ewan MacAlister, biological field technician and base manager

Russell Manning, boatman and winter base commander

Alan Henry Milne, doctor of medicine

John Martin Kimbrey, Warrant Officer 1st Class Royal Marines and leader Joint Services Expedition, Smith Island 1994-95

John Kenneth Spottiswood, Major Royal Logistics Corps and deputy leader Joint Services Expedition, Smith Island 1994-95

Antarctic and Arctic to 1995

Andrew Gordon Whitham, geologist

Royal Institution of Great Britain

Sir Arnold Wolfendale, FRS, Emeritus Professor of Physics in the University of Durham and President of the Institute of Physics, has been appointed Professor of Experimental Physics at the Royal Institution in succession to Sir Brian Pippard, FRS, from January 1.

Lord Mackay of Drumadoon

The life barony conferred upon Mr Donald Sage Mackay, QC, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Mackay of Drumadoon, of Blackwaterfoot in the District of Cuninghame.

Archaeology

An early sufferer from Gazza's knee

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

LIGAMENT damage, such as that which plagued the footballer Paul Gascoigne, is often thought to be an unfortunate consequence of modern high-impact sports such as soccer and ski-jumping.

However, a medieval monk from York has been diagnosed with just such a problem. Skeleton 251 from the site of the Gilbertine Priory, which housed members of England's only indigenous monastic order, was among many burials excavated nearly a decade ago (*The Times*, June 25, 1986).

Oddly, the right arm was straight beside the body and slightly away from it, rather than bent at the elbow with the hand over the pelvis; the left arm, and both arms of all the other burials, were in the latter position.

In addition, the right leg stuck out, making skeleton 251 almost bow-legged. Two thin bronze plates, D-shaped and perforated, were found at the right knee.

Nicky Rogers of the York Archaeological Trust brought these oddities to the attention of archaeological scientists at Bradford University, and a complex medical mystery unfolded.

The monk had been about 60 when he died. Earlier in life, his knee had suffered a severe twist-fracture which had probably destroyed the anterior and posterior cruciate ligaments — those which Gascoigne's surgeons were able to reconstruct by opening up the synovial capsule around the joint.

Such methods were not available in the 13th century, however, and the unfortunate monk not only suffered a comminuted fracture of the upper tibia, with the growth of new bone leading to a swollen joint, but he also developed arthritis.

"This would argue for a substantial loss of mechanical function in the limb," Christopher Knüsel and his colleagues argue, although its nerves and blood supply were apparently unimpaired. This accords with modern clinical experience.

The skin over the broken bone may have suffered necrosis due to nerve damage, however in modern cases skin grafts are often needed.

The bronze plates, about 95 per cent copper, may have been a therapeutic device, "a talisman of sorts with curative properties — the ability of copper to perform as a disinfectant may have dictated this form of treatment," the investigators say.

Similar plates found with a damaged arm bone at Reading were lined with dock leaves, commonly used for eczema and psoriasis, and others are known from Sweden, arguably "as treatment for suppurating non-specific infections of the soft tissues".

The idea may have come from a classical medical treatise, such as that of Celsus, who in the 1st century AD refers to *squama aeris* — perhaps a bronze plate — and notes the cleansing effect of verdigris, copper acetate.

Chaucer's doctor was familiar with Galen and Hippocrates, and the Gilbertine monks may have been at least as well read; Hippocrates specifies the use of metal plates, sewn in leather, for leg fractures.

The monk's injury was a permanent one, and he seems to have used a crutch to help him to walk thereafter: examination of the rest of skeleton 251 showed overdevelopment of muscles in the right arm, consistent with using a crutch without a transverse hand-rest (as illustrated slightly later by Hieronymus Bosch).

The odd position of the right leg and arm in the grave can now be explained: the one caused by the injury, the other by the fact that the crutch was buried with its owner, lying between arm and body. No trace of the crutch survives, but the gap, like Holmes's non-barking dog, is significant.

How did the injury occur? "Most modern cases of dislocated knees and tibial plateau fractures occur as the result of traffic accidents, though many are sport-related," the investigators say. "It is most probable that the [monk's] injury was sustained after some sort of violent trauma, perhaps after a fall."

The history of the Gilbertine Order includes an early reference to football-playing, however: although it cannot be proved, Gazza may have had a less lucky precursor 700 years ago.

Source: *Journal of Archaeological Science 22 No 3:369-384.*

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Edward Parry, Arctic explorer, Bath, 1790; Sir Ralph Richardson, actor, Cheltenham, 1902; Leonid Brezhnev, President of the Soviet Union 1977-82, Dneprodzerzhinsk, Ukraine, 1906; Edith Piaf, singer, Paris, 1915; Eamonn Andrews, broadcaster, Dublin, 1922.

DEATHS: Matteo Boiardo, poet, Reggio nell'Emilia, 1494; Vitus Bering, navigator, Bering Island, 1741; David Hartley the younger, statesman and inventor, Bath, 1813; Benjamin Smith Barton, naturalist, Philadelphia, 1815; Emily Brontë, poet and novelist, Haworth, Yorkshire, 1848; Joseph Mallord William Turner, painter, London, 1851; Sir Paul Vinogradoff, historian, Paris, 1925; Louis Untermeyer, writer, 1977.

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BIRTHS

ABBERTON – On December 15th 1995, to Alexandra (née Goodman) and David, a son, Finn Arthur Robert.

BURNETT – On 14th December, at Solihull Hospital, to Karen and Gary, a daughter, Chelsie Victoria, a sister to Dominic.

DUNN – On December 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Ellen Skeffan and Tim Dunn, a daughter, Sarah Christine Galvin, a sister for Ryan and Emily.

HINDE – On December 14th, to Cyntra (née Jesus) and Marcus, a son, Archie Graham and a daughter, Sasha Mary.

MORGAN – On December 16th 1995, to Kathryn (née Skipper) and David, at the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, a daughter, Anna, a sister for Christopher.

MOSELEY – On 17th December 1995, to Loretta (née Millar-Brown) and Christopher, a daughter.

MUIR BEDDALL – On December 15th at Lindo Wing, Paddington, to Caroline, wife of Alastair, a son.

PENRICK – On November 3rd to Laura and Deane, a son, Thomas Ronald Bowman, a brother for Anastasia.

SNOW – On November 30th 1995 at Women and Infants Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island, to Sarah (née Muller) and Greg, a son, Alexander James Dakota.

THOMPSON-PRICE – On December 16th, to Pia and Olly, a beautiful son, Lanier Alexander, a precious gift from God.

von CELSING – On December 5th 1995 at St Thomas' Hospital, London SE1, to Virginia and Hans, a daughter, Isabel Alexandra.

WALLACE – On December 13th 1995, to Deborah and Miles, a son, Campbell Edward Thomas, a brother for Benjamin.

WILLIAMS – On Friday 15th December at Wellington Hospital, to Christina (née Tritton) and Benedict, a daughter, Flavia Elizabeth Ruth, a sister for Magnus and Martin.

DEATHS

HAEDING – L. Ann. Peacefully on December 18th at Killiliam House. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Harpenden on Friday December 22nd at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to National Eczema Society. All enquiries to L.C. Weston Funeral Directors, No 25, 17, Leyton Road, Harpenden. Tel: (01582) 712665.

DEATHS

ALLNUTT – On December 16th in Wexham Park Hospital, Slough, Doreen Louise Allnutt (née Lenagan), aged 76, after a valiant two year struggle against cancer peacefully and supported by her family. Beloved wife of Peter, much loved mother of Pamela, Katherine, Susan and Gillian and loving grandmother of Merlin, Piers, Amanda, Clare, Manu, Sébastién, Zée, Emily, Gaby Lou and Samuel. Requiem Mass at St Elizabeth's Church, Lower Road, Cookham Rise, Berks, followed by private burial. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to World Cancer Research Fund, 11-12 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LB.

BOYNTON – Lindsay, beloved partner of David, died 12th December following a short illness. Funeral at All Saints, Margaret Street, Westminster, Thursday 21st December 2.45 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers. Donations if desired direct to Musicians Benevolent Fund.

BROWNRIGG – Edward George (Ed), aged 22, died suddenly on December 12th 1995 in Hull from a brain haemorrhage. Dearly loved by Mum, Dad, sister Elizabeth, family and many friends, he will be sadly missed. Funeral at 1.15 pm Thursday 21st December at New Road Baptist Church, Bonn Square, Oxford and afterwards at Wolvercote Cemetery, Banbury Road, Oxford, followed by a reception at Lincoln College, Oxford. Donations in memory of Edward gratefully received by "The Children's Society", c/o Mrs J. Westmoreland, 31 Manor Way, Anlaby, N. Humberside, HU10 6TE.

BROWN – Eric, husband and devoted companion of Enid Lavinia for fifty five years, Architect and founding Head of the School of Architecture at Kingston University, died peacefully at home, 23 Whittlesey Street, after a short illness on 14th December aged 94. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Waterloo Road, London SE1 on Friday 22nd December at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please but donations may be sent to the Peoples Dispensary for Sick Animals, 57 Woodfield Lane, Ashtead, Surrey. Enquiries to Alfred Smith, (0171) 928-5577.

BRYER – Elizabeth (born Lipscomb) on Saturday 16th December 1995, aged 66, at home with her family. Beloved daughter of Peg, sister of Caroline and Jenny, mother of Theo, Anna and Katie and wife of Anthony. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Harborne, Birmingham on Thursday 28th December 1995 at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

CARMICHAEL – On December 17th, peacefully at home, Jeannette Marie (née Montgomerie). Loved by her sons Ian and Keith, family and many friends. Funeral at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Sussex, on Wednesday December 20th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished to The National Hospital For Neurology, 6 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3AR.

DEATHS

CORY WRIGHT – Elizabeth, O.B.E., D.L., on 16th December, 1995, peacefully at home. Much loved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral Wednesday, St Clement's Church, Burnham Overy Town. Details from S.T. Sutton, Wells-next-Sea, tel: 01328-710301. Memorial Service to be announced later.

DAVIES – On 16th December, John Goodwin Davies of Rye, East Sussex, for 69 years husband of Topsy, dearly loved father of Frances, Susan and John (Sturdy), grandfather of George, Amelia-Jane, Victoria-Rose, Antoinette, Dominic and Marcello and great-grandfather of Alisha, Ben and Clara. Funeral Service Hastings Crematorium, Friday December 22nd 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations in his memory to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution c/o Ellis Bros. F.D. Ltd., 3 Ferry Road, Rye, East Sussex TN31 7DJ, tel: (01797) 222594.

DURHAM – George Benjamin on December 17th, suddenly at home, very loved husband of Elizabeth and father of Harry and Sophie, much loved brother, uncle and grandfather. Funeral at St Wenoards Church on Friday 22nd December 12 noon. Donations if desired to St Wenoards Church or to Shelter c/o Sir Richard Mynors, Treage St Wenoards, Herefordshire.

DYKES – On 15th December, peacefully at home, Mollie (née Cheeseman) aged 79. Adored widow of Christopher and much loved mother of Sarah and Andrew. Funeral at St Peter and St Paul Church, Exton, Hampshire at 2 pm on Wednesday 20th December. Enquiries to Thomas Pink and Son (Funeral Directors) 01489 892640.

ELIOT – On December 16th, Peter Charles Eliot MBE, TD, sometime Archdeacon of Worcester aged 85 years. Husband of Alethea. Funeral Service Kingsland Parish Church on Thursday December 21st at 3.30 pm. No flowers. Thanksgiving Service at Worcester Cathedral Saturday January 27th 1996 at 12 noon. Enquiries to R.W. Mann & Son, Funeral Director, 81 West Street, Leominster, Herefordshire. (01568) 612388.

GLOVER – Susan Elizabeth (née Sale), on December 15th at St George's Hospital, Lincoln, aged 67. Dearly loved by all her family. Funeral Service to take place on Thursday December 21st 1995 at All Saints Church, Tealby, Lincolnshire at 12 noon followed by private cremation at Grimsby Crematorium. By request family flowers only. If so desired donations for Action for Dysphasic Adults, 1 Royal Street, London SE1 7LL. Enquiries to Charles Pentfield Funeral Service, 36 Waterloo Street, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, tel: (01673) 842621.

DEATHS

GOWING – Pauline on December 16th 1995 peacefully at Ayisham Manor, widow of Cecil Gowing, dearly loved by all her family, daughter Annabelle, son-in-law John, grandchildren Caroline, Tiggy and Jane and their families. Funeral Service at the Parish Church of St Mary and St Margaret, Sprowston, Norwich, at 1 pm on Friday December 22nd. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o Broadland Funeral Services, 102 Norwich Road, Wroxham, NR12 8RY.

GOW – Janet Marjorie, née Vincent, died peacefully on 15th December 1995 at Les Bourgs Hospice, Andrew Mitchell House, Guernsey, after many weeks of terminal cancer, bravely borne with patience and endurance, and the help of Jesus her Saviour. Much loved wife, mother, grandmother, in-law and friend of Gavin, Ian, Fiona, Andrew, Linda, Sylvie, José and the grandchildren. Will be greatly missed. Funeral Service to be held 11.30 am Tuesday 19th December 1995 at Holy Trinity Parish Church, St Peter Port and afterwards in St Martins Parochial Cemetery. Floral tributes at the church or donations please to Les Bourgs Hospice or Cancer Research Campaign.

GRIFFITHS – On December 16th very peacefully in Devon, Evelyn Doreen aged 85, widow of the late Reverend John Whitmore Griffiths, mother of Kit and Paula and proud grandmother of Frances, Sarah, Melissa and Christopher. Funeral at St James's Church, Bondleigh, Devon, on Friday December 22nd at 11.30 am and then at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Save the Children Fund.

HINCHLIFFE – On December 17th John Norman, aged 67 years of Strathdearne, Denby Dale, nr Huddersfield. The dearly loved husband of Audrey and dear father of Robert, James, Jackie and Patrick. Service takes place at All Hallows' Church, Almondbury, Huddersfield on Friday December 22nd at 11 am, to be followed by a private interment at Cumberworth, nr Huddersfield. Will friends please accept this the only intimation, and kindly meet at the Church. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu, if desired, to The Intensive Care Unit, c/o The General Office, Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, Acre Street, Lindley, Huddersfield.

HURRYBURN – Charles (Tim) at home on December 9th after a long illness. A private funeral was held at Coatock on December 15th.

DEATHS

HOBDAY – Douglas Benjamin F.C.C.A., F.R.S.A., on Sunday 17th December aged 78 years peacefully after a short illness. Beloved husband of Mary, much loved father of Elaine, Anne and Elizabeth, grandfather of Claire, Katie and George, father-in-law to Colin and Gareth, Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers and the Worshipful Company of Lorimers. Funeral at South Essex Crematorium, Upminster, Essex, on Friday 22nd December at 11.30 am. Flowers if desired to his home address. Enquiries to T. Gribb & Sons, tel: (0171) 476 1858.

JOHNSTON – Captain John Richard Cox Johnston C.B.E. retired, on 16th December 1995 after a most courageous fight against cancer. Beloved husband of Audrey, father of Vivien and Colin, grandfather of Julia, Mark and Rebecca. Service at St Laurence Church, Alfpuddle on Friday 22nd December at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but if desired to Joseph Weld Hospice, c/o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester DT1 1TW, tel: (01305) 262358.

JONES – Emily Florence (Mimo) née Griffiths, widow of Bobby, on Saturday 16th December. There will be no funeral service.

KILLICK – On 17th December, in Ashurst Park Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells, Lady LM.H. Killick ("Bill" formerly Easton) finally lost her battle with cancer. Private family funeral. Donations to Cancer Research if desired. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in the New Year.

KILPATRICK – On 16th December 1995 peacefully after a long illness, Elizabeth, darling wife of F.R. Kilpatrick "Kilo", and loving mother of Bruce, Fiona and Stewart. Service at Chichester Crematorium on Friday 22nd December at 11.30 am. No flowers please but donations if desired to the Macmillan Fund or St Mary's Church, Fittleworth c/o W. Bryder & Sons, Tillington, nr. Petworth, West Sussex GU28 9AB.

KIRZELY – John, aged 86, in hospital on December 15th, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations, please, to RNLI, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 0PQ.

LAW – Betty Jean (née Jenkins) on December 9th at her home in Herne Bay. Funeral Service at Boreham Crematorium, Kent, December 20th 12 noon.

MALLETT – Nancy Drewry (Nan) of Ellesborough Manor, Bucks. Peacefully at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford on 16th December. Aged 81 years. Dearly loved wife of the Rev'd Michael Mallett and dearest mother of Paul, Martin and Timothy (Timmy). Funeral Service at Holy Trinity, Cookham on Thursday 21st December at 10.30 am followed by cremation at Slough Crematorium. Donations to the British Diabetic Association Research Fund.

DEATHS

MARROW – On December 16th peacefully at home, Barbara aged 85, wife of late Rev. Canon Peter Marrow, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at Broadwater Church, Worthing, on Thursday December 21st at 10 am. Enquiries Tribes (01903) 234516.

MARTIN – On December 16th peacefully in hospital, Ronald aged 86 years, of Adelaide House, West Malvern. Loving father of Antony and a devoted grandfather. Funeral Service at St Luke's Church, Grayshott, Surrey, on Friday December 29th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to Red Cross c/o Hodkinds Funeral Services, 71 Barnards Green Road, Malvern.

MASTER – On December 13th 1995, Captain Charles Francis Onslow Master, aged 98 years, husband of Mary Virginia. Funeral at All Hallows' Tillington, Thursday, December 21st at 12 noon.

MATTHEWS – Suddenly on 15th December, 1995, Julian, aged 50 years of Cambridge, the much loved elder son of Win and John Matthews, dear brother of Vivien and Alastair and kind uncle to Helen, Frances, Peter and Philip. Funeral Service will be held at St Peter's Church, Dundee on Friday, 22nd December at 1pm, followed by cremation at the A.E. Mann Chapel of Kettering Crematorium.

MITTON – On 18th December Peter aged 58, much loved father of Patrick, Alastair and Louise. No flowers please but donations if desired to Princess Alice Hospice, Esher. Funeral 3pm Thursday 21st December St Ann's Church, Kingston Hill.

PENNINGTON – Samuel OBE, MA, on 16th December 1995, peacefully in Oakworthy House, Kingston (five days after his sister Muriel). Last surviving child of the late James and Jessie Pennington of Warrenstown and Belfast. Much loved brother, uncle and great-uncle. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral at 10.15 am on Thursday 21st December at St Paul's Church, Grove Park, Chiswick, London W4. Enquiries to W.S. Bond Funeral Directors, tel: (0181) 994-0277.

PIPER – Emma, on December 17th, in Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. Beloved daughter of Robert and Lydia, devoted sister of Lucy and William, adoring aunt and godmother to Henry and Emily.

READER-HARRIS – On 16th December, 1995, peacefully in Salisbury, Henrietta Marguerite Jean (née Loder). Dearly loved wife of the late John, mother of Michael and Sarah, sister-in-law of Diana and a much loved grandmother. Funeral and burial at St Mary's Church, Slaugham, Sussex on Thursday 21st December at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to the Samaritans, Salisbury & District Branch c/o: I.N. Newman Ltd., Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, SP1 1HL. (01722) 413136.

DEATHS

REESE – On December 17th 1995, Robin, peacefully at home after a valiant fight against cancer; dear husband of Deryn and father of Nick, Mandy and Katy. Funeral on Thursday, December 21st at 2.45 pm at the West London Crematorium, Kensal Green. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to St John's Hospice, 60 Grove End Road, London NW8, or to Amnesty International.

RICHTER – Derek, co-founder of International Institute of Neurochemistry, Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatry. Died peacefully 18th December aged 68. Family funeral and cremation. London memorial celebration in the New Year.

ROSS – Eirlys Gwyneth (Bobbie) peacefully on December 16th at Thames Valley Hospice. Dearly loved Mother of David, Alisa and Neil. Grandmother of Marc, Alistair and Conan and former wife of Craig. Service to be held at East Hampstead Crematorium Bracknell 01344 420314 on Thursday 21st December at 11 am to which all friends are invited. Flowers to The Crematorium. Donations if desired to Thames Valley Hospice Windsor SL4 3RW. A memorial service will be held in Edinburgh in the second week of January. Details to be announced in The Scotsman.

RUSHBROOKE – On December 14th in hospital after a short illness, G. Stanley Rushbrooke aged 80 years of Gosforth, Northumberland. Emeritus Professor of Theoretical Physics at the University of Newcastle. Enquiries to J Blardgett & Sons Ltd. tel: (0191) 273-9292.

SANGER-DAVIES – Vyvyan Joseph O.B.E. T.D. M.A. former Principal of Queens College, Georgetown, British Guiana, peacefully in the Horton General Hospital on 16th December 1995, aged 87. Funeral 11 am Thursday, 21st December 1995 at the church of St Lawrence Shotteswell. Family flowers only. donations for the Bell Fund and SPCK to J&M Humphris, 32 Albert Street, Banbury, OX16 8DG.

SCOTT – On Friday 15th December 1995, in the Thomas Hope Hospital, Langholm, Dumfriesshire, Eleanor Jean Scott, widow of Alexander Scott, Woollen Manufacturer and mother of Tom. At her own request there will be no funeral service.

STARZEWSKI – Janina, widow of former Polish Ambassador in Denmark, died peacefully in Chelsea and Westminster Hospital aged 93. Funeral arrangements to be made.

STRACHAN – Mrs Margaret C. (Peg). On 17th December, 1995, Margaret Strachan late of Balmoral Hotel, Frockheim, Angus, peacefully after a short illness. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Woking, Surrey on Friday, 22nd December at 1.15 pm. Cremation thereafter (family only).

DEATHS

SUMMERS – On 14th December 1995 at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Alisa Eileen Summers (formerly Smith, Ball and née Manders) of Cambridgeshire, born 2nd November 1909. Requiem Mass at Buckden Towers, Buckden, on Saturday 30th December 1995 at 11 am to be followed by interment in St Peter's Churchyard, Molesworth. Flowers may be sent to William Peacock & Sons, Orchard Lane, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE18 6QU, tel: (01480) 453682.

VINTER – John Stanley Marcus, suddenly on December 14th 1995, much loved father of Alec and Richard and grandfather of Magdalena, Rebecca and Hannah. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, St Mary's Road, Wimbledon, Friday December 22nd, 11 am. Memorial Occasion to be announced later. Family flowers only, but donations, if wished, may be sent to Oxfam.

WHITMEE – On December 14th peacefully Brian Andrew Conder aged 82, beloved husband of Sybil. Private funeral on Tuesday 21st December. Flowers to J.G. Fielder & Son, 48/50 Clarence Street, York.

WILLIAMS – Nicholas John Flaxman aged 46 of Knaphill, passed away peacefully on 15th December 1995 after a long illness. Much loved by Shirley and all his family and friends. Will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Funeral at Woking Crematorium on Wednesday 20th December at 4.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to the Macmillan Fund, Weybridge Hospital c/o Funeral Director Cyril Lovegrove, Anchor Hill, Knaphill.

WILLIAMS – Betty Madeline peacefully at the R.F.I. on December 17th 1995, beloved mother of Cindera, Judith and grandmother of John. Donations to Ward 11, Bristol Royal Infirmary, c/o R. Davies, 381 Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

WARD – Wilfrid John Francis. A much loved and greatly missed husband and father. Jean, John, Joanna.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TD like to wish everyone at The White Horse a magical Christmas and a special thanks to John Dellaire for choosing the wine of clubs, regards Howard.

LOST briefcase / bag, small maia, black, containing valuable documents including passport T3564565 of Mr Mansoor Mitraa. If found please contact Mr Jayan Tel: 0171 629 7988.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held as follows: Venue: Lion House, Red Lion Row, Park Road London N2 8EX
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To consider any proposals under S.22(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and to consider establishing a creditors' committee.
A proxy form which should be completed and returned to me by the date of the meeting if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be represented. In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting you must give to me, not later than 12.00 hours of the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details of the value of your claim. T. PAPAPHOCLA FCA FCCA FBPI, The Administrator. LANGLEY & PARTNERS Leander House, 31 Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 3DN

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Over the Christmas period the following deadline will apply:-

Notices to appear on Friday, December 22nd: Saturday, December 23rd; Tuesday, December 26th; Wednesday, December 27th should be received in writing by 5pm on Wednesday, December 20th.

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OBITUARIES

DAVID MARSHALL

David Marshall, former Chief Minister of Singapore, died on December 12 aged 87. He was born in Singapore on March 12, 1908.



FOR a brief period, running up to independence in the late 1950s, David Marshall played an important part in the affairs of Singapore. A leading criminal lawyer in Singapore, he was virtually unknown in political circles when he became leader of the moderate Labour Front in 1955. Yet when, later in the year, that party won the first election which gave the colony a degree of self-government, he found himself Chief Minister of Singapore.

He immediately stepped up the pressure for the granting of independence by Britain, where he was regarded with some suspicion. But he was in a difficult position when it came to exerting influence over the British Government. He led a minority Government in Singapore, and had no effectively organised party machine.

Of a Jewish family, he belonged to none of Singapore's major ethnic communities — the Chinese, Malay or Indian — and the aggressive leader of the People's Action Party (PAP), Lee Kuan Yew, was always a threat to him. When in 1956 constitutional talks on independence in London broke down, he resigned, and thereafter played little effective part in Singapore's political life, although he did serve the country as an ambassador after he retired from the Singapore Bar.

David Saul Marshall's forebears had their origins in Spain, but his father decided at the turn of the century to try his luck in Singapore. There he had the family name of Mashal Anglicised to Marshall, but did not thereby abate one jot of his Jewishness. His son was not allowed to attend school on Yom Kippur, and was later proud to be president of Singapore's Board of Jewish Deputies.

At St David's School, Marshall received the best education in English that Singapore had to offer but in 1925, when he was 17, his health broke down and he was sent to Switzerland with suspected lung trouble. Apparently cured, he returned to Singapore where he went into sharebroking. But he had to go back to Switzerland three years later, and this time tuberculosis was diagnosed.

He made a good recovery and returned to Singapore for the third time. It was 1930; the Depression had by now hit the colony, but he managed to make a living selling cars and silverware. Four years later, having saved some money, he went to London where he succeeded in passing the Bar exams within two years and getting called by the Middle Temple.

In addition to practising at the Singapore Bar, he also served with the colony's volunteer force and was captured by the Japanese in February 1942. In captivity he was an inspiration to his fellow PoWs and after the war ran a support organisation to help ex-prisoners.

He was a major presence at Singapore's criminal Bar in the years after the war, making a reputation for himself for the impressive rate of acquittals he secured. With the question of Singapore's future becoming a more important one, Marshall — a man of conservative instincts — at first joined the Progressives, unashamedly a businessmen's party. As such, he made suggestions to the Rendel Constitutional Committee, which was considering the future of Singapore.

Later he sought common ground with Lee Kuan Yew's largely Chinese and decidedly left-wing PAP, with the aim of forming some sort of Popular Front. But Lee Kuan Yew never believed in the Rendel committee, or in the sincerity of the British, and there could be no fruitful alliance between him and Marshall, who in the end formed his Labour Front with the remnants of the Singapore Labour Party.

In truth, this was hardly an organisation at all, having a somewhat blurred manifesto in which only some socialist ingredients were detectable. Nevertheless, in the campaign for the election to Singapore's new Legislative Assembly in 1955, Marshall espoused the image of the common man, selecting a pitch "under the old apple tree" just outside the Government Secretariat building, where, pipe-smoking and bush-shirted, he dispensed political wisdom.

On a remarkable election night in April 1955, with British civil servants drowning their sorrows in a bar adjacent to the room where the count was going on, the Labour Front became the largest party in the assembly, gaining a working majority with the support of the PAP, and Marshall became Chief Minister.

He adopted a robust attitude to the British, demanding proper facilities and staff as befitted his new office and insisting on precedence over the Service chiefs at the Queen's birthday parade. But for all that, he was destined to be Singapore's Kerensky rather than its Lenin. Although the Labour Front was the largest party in the assembly, power really lay with Lee Kuan Yew, who continually undermined Marshall's position.

Marshall's volatility was his principal weakness. His demand for immediate independence was unrealistic, and his threat to resign, within three months of taking office, suggested a lack of the cool head required in those circumstances. In the following year talks with the British Colonial Secretary, Alan Lennox-Boyd, collapsed when the British Government could not accede to Marshall's insistence that Singapore should control its own security. This time he did resign, effectively ending his political life. When internal self-government was granted in 1959 it was with the politically more astute Lee Kuan Yew as Prime Minister and it was he who took Singapore to complete independence in 1965.

In February 1957 the Labour Front dispensed with his services as leader. Although he shortly afterwards announced his retirement from politics he was soon back as leader of a new Workers Party and in 1961 won a by-election victory for it. Later he stood as an Independent, but in 1963 he was resoundingly defeated and returned to his Bar practice. He retired from this in 1978 and for the next 15 years served as Singaporean Ambassador to, successively, France, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland. In retirement, he was a consistent critic of Lee Kuan Yew's Government, accusing it of authoritarianism and the abuse of human rights.

He was married, with a son and three daughters.

GRACE HOGARTH

Grace Hogarth, editor and writer, died in Holton, Oxfordshire, on December 11 aged 90. She was born in Newton, Massachusetts on November 5, 1905.



EVER SINCE their emergence as a distinct genre, children's books have owed their character as much to publishers as to authors and illustrators. Few better examples could be given than the professional life of Grace Hogarth, whose work in the United States before the war, and in Britain afterwards, demonstrated the benign influence which a creative editor can have on generations of children's books.

Grace Hogarth was fortunate to be trained in a particularly fruitful period for publishing in America. She was born Grace Weston Allen — "of Yankee stock" as she was proud to recall — the daughter of the Attorney-General of Massachusetts. After a high school education she moved on to the University of California at Berkeley, and thence to Vassar College.

She was becoming increasingly interested in art and, after further study at Massachusetts and Yale, she took a job with Oxford University Press in New York. She claimed never to have had much ability as an artist but her training suited her for publishing, and during her time with the OUP, first as a staff artist and then as a children's book editor, she helped to place Oxford among the leaders of a distinguished group of children's book publishers in America.

Given her position, it was natural that she should visit the parent company in England, and during a trip in 1935, Humphrey Milford showed her the manuscript of what was to become one of the classic books of the 1930s — *Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain*, by a new young artist, Edward Ardizzone. Grace Allen persuaded Milford to let her take this back to New York.

It was published there in 1936 and she returned to England to marry William David Hogarth — who was also on the staff at OUP — and to work as an editor for the company in London. The birth of her two children and the coming of war interrupted her career. She took the children for a short time to the United States, where she wrote a children's book about Australia for Houghton Mifflin. In 1943 she returned to England via Portugal and, once the war was over, resumed her publishing connections.

In 1945 there was an abortive venture with Allen Lane, who killed her imaginative Porpoise Books before they had properly got going. For the next ten years she used her Anglo-American contacts as a talent scout for publishers on both sides of the Atlantic.

She also wrote four adult novels and three children's books, the third of which, *The Funny Guy* (1955), harked back to her own New England schooldays. (It had a sequel in *A Sister of Helen*, 1976, and was written, along with *As a May Morning*, 1958, to match the reading interests of her own children.) By 1956 she had returned to full-time editorial work, setting up a children's list for Constable. The period was one of great liveliness, when new ideas and new talents abounded, and she relished the opportunities that were opening.

By 1965, with retirement looming, Hogarth wrongly thought Constable to be in a vulnerable state. She arranged that her list should be sold to the Longman Group, where in 1967 it became the foundation of hardback publishing allied to Puffin Paperbacks.

She brought with her to this new list Brian Fairfax-Lucy's *Children of the House* whose inchoate manuscript she had persuaded Philippa Pearce to shape into one of the greatest of all postwar children's books.

Grace Hogarth never lost her attachment to the world of children's book publishing. Despite what turned out to be an ill-advised second marriage, after Billy Hogarth died in 1965, she maintained an eager interest in the changing scene ("not always for the better," she once grimly remarked) and, until her last years in a nursing home, she kept up vigorous contacts with her fellow professionals in the Children's Book Circle, a publishing group which she had founded.

Grace Hogarth is survived by her son and daughter.

CANON FREDERICK TINDALL

Canon Frederick Tindall, former Principal of Salisbury Theological College, died on December 4 aged 95. He was born on July 2, 1900.



"FREDDIE" TINDALL was the epitome of the traditional *ecclesia anglicana*. He may have outlived both of the theological colleges that he served — Chichester as vice-principal and Salisbury as principal — but his memorial is to be found in the succession of students who passed through his hands.

Although he served at Salisbury until 1965 — and did not finally retire from his non-residentiary canonry there until 1981 — he belonged in spirit to the pre-1960s' Church of England. He always saw himself very much as a man under authority: it was typical of him that, when approached about allowing his name to go forward for a Scottish bishopric, he should immediately have consulted Lambeth Palace and then abided by the advice he was given that he was "needed in England".

In the event, no English diocese was offered to him and nor was a colonial bishopric. That was certainly the Church of England's loss: Tindall would have made an admirable overseas bishop, preferably in one of the more conventional Crown Colonies. As it was, he had to find his career fulfilment as Pro-Prolocutor of the old Lower House of the Canterbury Convocation — an office he occupied for 16 years from 1959 to 1975.

Frederick Cryer Tindall was born in Hove and educated at Brighton and Hove Grammar School and at King's College London, where he came under the influence of its Dean, W. R. Matthews (later Dean of St Paul's) and, even more, of Bishop Charles Gore, the leading High Churchman of his day.

He served his title in the Anglo-Catholic parish of St Cyprian's, Clarence Gate, going from there to lecture in theology at Chichester, where George Bell was just about to begin his long episcopate. He became Vice-Principal in 1936 but in 1939, at Bell's behest, returned to the parochial ministry as vicar of St Augustine's, Brighton. It was from here that he was, in 1950, appointed Principal of Salisbury Theological College.

His 15 years overseeing the education and training of his students at Salisbury were probably the most productive of his life. His interest in them went well beyond the lecture room. A keen sportsman, he encouraged all those in his charge to play tennis, cricket or hockey. In this sense, he may have been a legatee of the old school of muscular Christianity but he was also a genuine scholar whose patience and gentleness in teaching often contrasted with his aggression on the sports field.

Retiring from his principalship in 1965, he went on to develop a second career as a church legislator, serving not only in the former Church Assembly but becoming a member of innumerable committees and commissions. He tended to view later developments in the era of the General Synod with bewilderment bordering on suspicion — particularly regretting the closing down of the two theological colleges with which he had been associated.

In 1942 Frederick Tindall married Rosemary Newman, who survives him together with a son of the marriage.

PROFESSOR IAN MORRIS

Ian Morris, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Manchester University, 1949-72, died on November 20 aged 88. He was born on May 10, 1907.



APPOINTED to the chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Manchester, Ian Morris vigorously encouraged such research as could be accommodated in the very restricted laboratory space in the old St Mary's Hospital. He sponsored the work of D. C. A. Bevis who introduced the means of diagnosing haemolytic disease in the foetus. He was also able to reinforce the internationally acclaimed research of F. A. Langley in gynaecological pathology.

His cordial relations with his paediatric colleagues facilitated collaborative studies in child development, and his participation in the design of the new St Mary's Hospital was rewarded by the acceptance of his recommendations for the incorporation of space for research.

William Ian Clinch Morris was born in Neath, the elder son of a doctor. After the Royal High School, Edinburgh, he went on to Edinburgh University to read medicine. While a resident student in midwifery at the Simpson Memorial Hospital, he realised that his future must be in obstetrics. His final year was distinguished by his election as senior president of the Royal Medical Society.

After house appointments at Leith Hospital and in Edinburgh, Morris was preparing himself for training in his chosen speciality when he sustained a spontaneous pneumothorax. Advised medically to avoid the ensuing winter in Britain, he spent a year in general practice in Southern Rhodesia. But he then returned to Edinburgh to begin his training in obstetrics and gynaecology under his chief mentor Professor R. W. Johnstone.

In 1937 Morris was appointed to the newly created post of obstetrician to Ayr County Council where the maternity service was almost entirely domiciliary. He established the Ayrshire flying squad which, though not the first service of its kind, was one of the earliest. Its success, which continued for many years after Morris had left Ayrshire, was to remain a source of great satisfaction to him.

Morris's service in Ayrshire was interrupted in 1939 by embodiment of the Territorial Army, in which Morris had held a commission since 1935. Posted to Gibraltar at the end of 1939, he spent four years there, mainly in medical administration. But in 1943 he was ordered to return to Ayrshire to resume obstetric care of the community.

In 1946 he was appointed as senior lecturer, with clinical facilities at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh. It was with somewhat mixed feelings that in 1949 he was appointed to the chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Manchester. But he excelled in this position and was well known not only for his lively and incisive lectures, but also for his energetic promotion of research.

Towards the end of his tenure, Morris became the presenter of honorary graduands, an office which he graced with scholarship and wit. He retired in 1972.

Ian Morris's wife Mary died in 1976. He is survived by their daughter.

PERSONAL COLUMN

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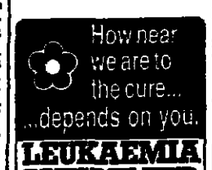
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SIR S. HOARE RESIGNS

From Our Parliamentary Correspondent

The following official statement was made late last night:-

Sir Samuel Hoare has placed his resignation of the office of Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the hands of the Prime Minister, who has accepted it.

Sir Samuel Hoare's reasons for the step which he has taken are obvious enough and will be generally accepted. A blunder has been made in the sphere of policy for which he is responsible as Foreign Secretary. From the point of view of the public interest it matters comparatively little whether the blunder is solely or primarily his. Some sacrifice is demanded by the growing tide of resentment at the apparent acceptance by the British Government of the Paris "peace proposals" as a reasonable basis of negotiation. More important, some conspicuous gesture is needed to prove to the world that British foreign policy stands unchanged.

No one was likely to appreciate such a situation more quickly than Sir Samuel Hoare . . . He has wisely recognised that his work at the Foreign Office would be hopelessly cramped for the future if he were to attempt to continue it, and that the influence of the country will be the stronger at this moment for his withdrawal.

Sir Samuel Hoare, who is still suffering from an accident in Switzerland, has not left his house in London since his return; but he means to speak in the House of Commons to-day. There will be no complaints or recriminations, and he will have the full sympathy of a body which is always generous to an admitted blunder—all the more when the victim takes the whole burden of responsibility for it.

It is understood that Sir Samuel made his decision known to the Prime Minister when Mr. Baldwin called at Cadogan Gardens yesterday evening, and it was announced to the Press at about 9.30.

Members of the House of Commons, who were not unprepared for the news, were soon discussing the prospects of the succession to the Foreign Office, and the general opinion was that an attempt would be made to enlist the services of Sir Austen Chamberlain. If that proves to be the case it will be a curious turn of the wheel of fortune, and a remarkable proof (from which Sir Samuel Hoare may well take comfort) of the chances of recuperation open to a former Cabinet Minister out of office. Sir Austen Chamberlain was previously Foreign Secretary from November, 1924, to June, 1929.

The resignation has changed the whole position in regard to to-day's debate. It is now intended that, following the precedent adopted among others by Sir Austen Chamberlain when he resigned from the Government on the question of Mesopotamia, Sir Samuel Hoare shall make a statement at the end of questions on the reasons which have led up to his decision to retire from the office of Foreign Secretary. He will speak from a back bench below the gangway on the Government side of the House, and he will be followed immediately by Mr. Attlee, who will submit the following motion on behalf of the Labour party:—

That the terms put forward by his Majesty's Government as a basis for an Italo-Abyssinian settlement reward the declared aggressor at the expense of the victim, destroy collective security, and conflict with the expressed will of the country and with the Covenant of the League of Nations, to the support of which the honour of Great Britain is pledged: this House therefore demands that these terms be immediately repudiated . . .

ON THIS DAY

December 19, 1935

A pact devised by Hoare and Laval, the French Foreign Minister, to acquiesce in the conquest of Abyssinia by Italy was accepted by the Cabinet. A public outcry led to its repudiation by the Prime Minister, Baldwin, and Hoare had to withdraw the pact or resign.

London banker misses out on monthly prize as Arsenal full back spurns opening

Winterburn miss leaves Brewer to drown sorrows

At some point in the coming months Steve Brewer's luck has to change. He has missed the manager-of-the-month award by a whisker — for which Nigel Winterburn, of Arsenal, has much to answer — and has been involved in an ongoing battle with Kevin's Kickers, sometimes outfoxing the Interactive Team Football (ITF) leader, only to see him pull away again the following week.

Mr Brewer is running nine teams in the ITF, all of them called Steves Lions. His two best sides are lying in joint-sixth place, with two more in 17th and 22nd positions. Although he can ring the changes with so many teams, the rocks upon which his success has been built are Kevin Keegan and Les Ferdinand. They appear in every side.

"It's quite simple really," he said. "I make two transfers for each team every week, make sure all 11 players are playing, and then hope to be lucky." Luck is as important as skill, according to Mr Brewer. Even the best-laid plans cannot account for the unpredictability of football and footballers. Adams and Bould looked like a strong partnership to earn points until they were sent off in successive matches.

In fact, Arsenal have been something of a disappointment to Mr Brewer. He was within a handful of points of collecting the manager-of-the-month award when Arsenal took on Bolton. Bolton won 1-0, much to Mr Brewer's surprise. To rub salt into the wound, Winterburn missed a clear chance, a goal that would have given Mr Brewer the points he needed and left him £500 the richer.

His tactics have changed since the start of the season. "To begin with, I picked any defenders who would play against Manchester City because City could not score goals," he said. "But that has gone as Manchester City are doing better. I also thought that Blackburn's defence would be solid, but I changed that idea as soon as the first few matches were played."

At one point he thought of assembling a midfield full of penalty-takers until he realised how expensive that would be. Now he goes for goalscoring defenders and, after poor results on Saturday, no one was happier with Liverpool's win over Manchester United the next day. "I have got James and Harkness in every team, so I was praying United would not score so that I would earn some points," he said.

Mr Brewer works for a bank in the City of London and is finding his free time is well taken up with running his nine teams. All the details are stored on his computer as he plots the next week's transfers.

"You cannot bank on any player these days," he said. "It is half skill and half luck. I would like to congratulate Kevin's Kickers on being in the lead for so long. But, hopefully, I will catch him one day."

There is still time to catch the leaders and moving into the transfer market is one way to improve your fortunes. ITF has a transfer system which allows you to change up to two players each week. Which player you want to offload and who you replace him with is up to you, although you must replace the outgoing player with one from the same category (ie, a full back with a full back) and keep within your £35 million budget.

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All matches in the Premiership and those in the FA Cup involving Premiership clubs count and your players and manager win *and* lose you points. With Kevin's Kickers continuing to set a strong pace, is it time for you to delve into the transfer market?

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THE TIMES ITF INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

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Robbie Fowler, of Liverpool, maintained his status as ITF's third-placed striker with both goals against Manchester United on Sunday

THE WEEK'S TRANSFERS IN ITF

IN

Code	Player	Club	Value
30105	C Coleman	Blackburn	£2.5m
42009	S Curcic	Bolton	£1.5m

OUT

Code	Player	Club	Value
40804	S Hodge	QPR	£0.75m

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All FA Carling Premiership and FA Cup matches in the 1995-6 season count for points. Every goal and penalty counts

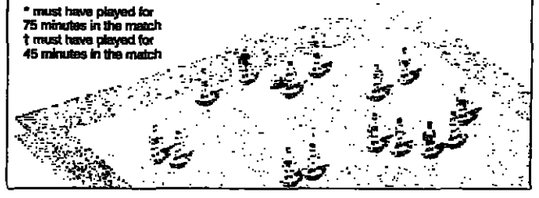
POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper		**Striker**	
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts	Scores goal	2pts
Scores goal	3pts	**All players**	
Full back/Central defender		Appearance†	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	**Manager**	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		**Manager**	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match



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The line is open from 6am on Tuesday until 11am on Saturday, from 6pm on Saturday to 11am on Sunday and from 6pm on Sunday until 3pm on Monday. If there are midweek matches, the lines will also close at 3pm on the day of the match (or matches) and re-open the following day at 6am.

You may make up to (but no more than) two transfers a week. Each transfer is a separate transaction and you must sell a player before you can buy one.

A player transferred out of your team must be replaced by a player from the same category - for example a full back for a full back.

When purchasing a player you must ensure that the team value still falls within your £35 million budget (even if your next transfer would rectify any overspending) and does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The score of the player transferred out is taken at the time of transfer; he then ceases to score for you.

Player out ..... Player code
Club .....
Player in .....
Club .....

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Check your points total and your ranking. You need a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) and your ten-digit selector's PIN. The line is open from noon today

THE LEADING 250 SELECTORS IN INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	Kevins Kickers	(K James)	348
2	Tommy Cockles XI	(Mr P Johnson)	319
3	Gohils Gods 65	(Mr B Gohil)	316
4	They're Here	(Mr P Johnson)	312
4	Teddy Five	(Mr B Bear)	312
6	Steves Lions 7	(S Brewer)	311
6	Steves Lions 5	(S Brewer)	311
8	Tyes Blue Noses	(Mr S Tye)	308
9	Als Alsorans	(A Hancock)	307
10	Jacobookie FC	(Mr A P Jacobucci)	303
11	Loxtons Longshots	(C Loxton)	301
12	Sunderland Stars	(K Brown)	300
12	Jones Boys Six	(M L Jones)	300
12	Rosies Supers	(P Sutton)	300
12	Burwell United	(R Benham)	300
16	Jaynes Jugs	(K Hughes)	299
17	Jesmond 1860	(S Murray)	298
17	The Young Guns	(B Shepherd)	298
17	Twighlight United	(P C Dilworth)	298
17	M I Blues	(P C Harden)	298
17	Steves Lions 8	(S Brewer)	298
22	Gary Pearce	(G D Pearce)	297
22	Steves Lions 2	(S Brewer)	297
22	Jessicas Darlings 4	(Mr A Nadison)	297
22	Nirvana FC	(Mr J Donovan)	297
26	Partisans	(E Donald)	296
26	Harrington Inter	(Mr D Lovell)	296
26	My Cat Bailey	(Mr P Johnson)	296
26	Nigels Right Foot	(Mr D Patel)	296
30	Mac United	(T McCluskey)	295
30	Formby Flyers	(A Norton)	295
30	Transporter	(A Jenkinson)	295
30	Barnet F C	(Mr P Johnson)	295
30	Weildon Wanderers F	(S Lee)	295
35	The U K Beavers	(J Elkins)	293
36	Steves Lions 6	(S Brewer)	292
36	Psychic TV	(T Vardy)	292
36	Madrid Knights	(R Jenkinson)	292
36	Apollo 2	(S Lazarids)	292
36	Fergies Fury	(P Simpson)	292
41	Novocastrians	(E Donald)	290
41	The Conjurers	(Mr D J Farmer)	290
43	Lemonias	(Mr P Gregoriou)	289
43	KP Fantasy Team 4	(Mr Patel)	289
43	Physyco And Smither	(K Booth)	289
46	Percys Progress	(M Persich)	288
46	Steves Lions 1	(S Brewer)	288
46	Bohinen Forest	(S Bunn)	288
46	Snort And Stubbs	(K Booth)	288
50	OHME	(R Matthewson)	287
50	Kims Kickers	(G Sutton)	287
50	Robbos Army	(P Callaghan)	287
50	Where's Botham	(Mr P Johnson)	287
50	Fair Fair Flapster	(C Woodward)	287
50	Francis Caldwell FC	(F Caldwell)	287
56	——	(P Hanna)	286
56	Mean Machine	(Ramesh Patel)	286
56	Incatta	(B Daly)	286
56	The Black Knights	(R A Green)	286
56	Adams Man Or God 4	(R Pike)	286
61	Richies Rovers	(R Lovell)	285
61	Hull Red Devils	(G Foster)	285
61	Firefly City	(I Harrison)	285
61	——	(J Nicholl)	285
61	Brooksborough	(G Brooks)	285
61	Carling XI	(P Parke)	285
61	Beardsleys Hair	(Mr P Johnson)	285
61	Here We Go	(Mr S Smith)	285
69	No Fear Utd	(G Saunders)	284
69	Chip'N Dale XI	(Mrs E L Arrowsmith)	284
69	Daniel James Utd	(S Reynolds)	284
69	Foxton Rangers	(J Lees)	284
69	Onceinabluemoon	(Mr D Clarke)	284
69	Dwayns Dribblers	(A J Philcox)	284
69	The Premier Raiders	(Miss C Ella)	284
69	Martinets 5	(T Martin)	284
69	The Wee One Too	(A Nelson)	284
78	Flair	(E Bhatoo)	283
78	Finglen Flyers	(E Ronald)	283
78	Quinton Forest	(J Baker)	283
78	Adams Man Or God 1	(R Pike)	283
78	Rosedale Rangers	(Mr D Green)	283
78	Pig In A Poke	(Mr J Waters)	283
84	Armarch	(A Matthewson)	282
84	Netbusters	(C B Mitchell)	282
84	Blaby Dynamo	(L Gilbert)	282
84	Goatse Softbeard	(C Armitage)	282
84	Bassetts Bouncers	(J Hurd)	282
84	Moneybags United	(P Ettridge)	282
84	Roker Rovers	(D Milbourn)	282
84	Goal Diggers	(C Stacey)	282
92	Seol Utd	(B Scollick)	281
92	Scud 4	(P Hymas)	281
92	Rapid Overton	(A Overton)	281
92	The Cake Eaters	(Mr S Hughes)	281
92	Gutlord Marching	(Mr J M Harris)	281
92	JSJ 16	(J Sutton-Jones)	281
92	Allstars XI	(D Dunn)	281
92	Barnet Buy Cole	(Mr P Johnson)	281
92	Mercers Men	(D Bowlors)	281
92	PJB Rovers	(Mr P J Butler)	281
102	Nookies Bears	(S Cozens)	280
102	Cameron Athan	(Mr J R Reader)	280
102	Mimosa United	(M Armistead)	280
102	Sporting Siders	(K Doughty)	280
102	FC Wombles	(A Williams)	280
107	Glow In The Dark	(J Smith)	279
108	Med XI	(Drodgers)	278
108	M S Allstars	(M Stayman)	278
108	Good Times United	(Mr T Stableford)	278
108	Fantasy Formbook	(Mr G Crutchley)	278
108	Ctares Ducks	(T Collier)	278
108	Grove Rovers	(T Townsend)	278
114	Bon Accord	(I Kelson)	277
114	Melds Skill Monsters	(M Meldrum)	277
114	The James Gang	(A Norton)	277
114	Monster Monster	(M Parish)	277
114	I Love Esther	(Mr P Johnson)	277
114	Andys Athletic	(A R Howse)	277
114	Razors Raiders	(R A Knowles)	277
114	Jemmas Lads	(D Aldridge)	277
122	Turners Earners	(P Turner)	276
122	MGM	(M Morgan)	276
122	Doogs	(R Booth)	276
122	Redcar	(G Thompson)	276
122	The Doug Hutches	(M Stacey)	276
122	Mikes Dream Team	(M Armstrong)	276
122	Accrington Ollie	(Mr M Raja)	276
122	Street FC	(S Bartlett)	276
122	Partizan Beograd I	(Mr D Stojkovic)	276
122	Green Wonders	(A Evans)	276
122	Death Or Glory Boys	(J T Luckman)	276
122	PSV Betamix	(L A McCole)	276
122	Synthetic Dozen	(Mr J Donaldson)	276
122	Overhill Rovers	(Mr M James)	276
122	OK United	(——)	276
137	C	(M Corless)	275
137	Turners Earners 2	(P Turner)	275
137	Warren Wizards	(J Buckle)	275
137	KBT Utd	(R Patterson)	275
137	Sullys A Team	(P Sullivan)	275
137	View Forth	(Mr J Taylor)	275
137	Ayresome Rangers	(Mr G W Smith)	275
137	Morse The Pud	(Mr I Patrick)	275
137	Always Hope	(Mr R Foster)	275
137	Real Athletic	(Mrs G Keynes)	275
137	Radford Rovers	(A Radford)	275
137	Watling Warriors	(P Shanks)	275
137	Tomb United	(T Butts)	275
137	Kingsland Rovers	(G Bell)	275
137	Oh Nicky Evans	(Mr P Johnson)	275
137	Lucks Rovers 3	(N Bruter)	275
137	Only Can Saver	(M McKeown)	275
154	Fudgels Foulers	(I Abu Hejleh)	274
154	Wallace Wanderers	(M Haugh)	274
154	Essex Exiles	(M Cant)	274
154	Howles Heroes	(Mr H West)	274
154	Semit ITF	(Mr F Amone)	274
154	St Remy Strikers	(G Dabnor)	274
154	Jovial Utd	(Mr N Hurst)	274
154	Orbital Brushes	(Mr S Brocom)	274
154	Born In Tashkent	(Mr D McMahon)	274
154	Shrew Voles	(H Brasher)	274
164	The Specialists	(P Leveridge)	273
164	Norfolk NG	(A Graver)	273
164	Aberspurs	(G Shand)	273
164	Winters Wanderers	(Mr A F Winter)	273
164	Sharons Buds	(Mr D Conroy)	273
164	Leppo Geckhoes	(H Underwood)	273
164	Baza Bruisers	(Mr B Harwood)	273
164	Why Danny Dichio	(R James)	273
164	Who Needs Mark	(N Persich)	273
164	Tabletoppers XII	(D Marsh)	273
164	Herberts Heroes	(N Pratell)	273
164	Vesuvio	(G Batchelor)	273
164	Newcastle Browns 2	(B Maclennan)	273
164	Laid-Back Boys	(R P Crook)	273
164	Synthetic Dozen	(Mr J Donaldson)	273
164	Hall Utd	(T Hall)	273
180	Abenbury Villa	(J S Dhesi)	272
180	Donnas Doughnots	(D Burt)	272
180	Severn Legal	(M Moore)	272
180	Bill And Ben United	(B Robinson)	272
180	Cols Daft Team	(C Yates)	272
180	Real Palace FC	(Mr M A Sadler)	272
180	Spud Utd	(R Gray)	272
180	Boing Boing Baggy	(T Horne)	272
180	Systems Toshack	(A Prosser)	272
180	The 2 Uffies	(M Forde)	272
180	M H Rovers	(M Hall)	272
180	Champions 1995-96	(S McGill)	272
180	Choppers Eleven	(Mr P Chambers)	272
180	Wannabee Stars	(A Harris)	272
194	Garden FC	(K Wan)	271
194	Willington United	(W Liu)	271
194	Good Work Fellas	(J Cook)	271
194	Strangers	(Mr G Banks)	271
194	Allstars	(Mr W P Davisworth)	271
194	Goals Please	(A Gooch)	271
194	Triple Peelers	(J B Portwood)	271
194	The Dream Team II	(C Farrell)	271
194	Jones Boys Four	(L M Jones)	271
194	Kings	(E M Young)	271
194	Henry Hilda	(Mr T Thompson)	271
194	Good-Time Boys	(R P Crook)	271
194	Swerve FC	(A Morris)	271
194	Sals Select XI	(Mrs S Y Seel)	271
194	Pure & Average	(R Medley)	271
194	Barrys Army	(J P Barry)	271
194	Well Safe	(A Costello)	271
194	Fantasy Formbook	(Mr G Crutchley)	271
194	Top Heavy?	(P Young)	271
194	Sunlight	(D Akhtar)	271
194	Formans Finest	(A Forman)	271
194	Le Caprice	(Mr W H Ball)	271
194	Highbury Utd	(E Pryce)	271
217	County Pine N	(J Hunt)	270
217	County Pine A	(J Hunt)	270
217	Reza Rovers	(Mr Pagitan)	270
217	Fearn Flyers	(C D Fearn)	270
217	Ruefull Rabbits	(J Whateley)	270
217	Dougs Desperados	(Mr D F Richardson)	270
217	Nells Nobbiers	(Mr B O Sullivan)	270
217	The Victoria XI	(J S Mead)	270
217	QPR Auctioneers A	(S Kempher)	270
217	Walkers Crispest	(Mr M D Walker)	270
217	Eggs N Ham	(Mr D Warner)	270
217	Lancers United	(Mr M M Kirkwood)	270
217	Langton Longshots	(J Ward)	270
217	The Likely Lads	(G Pedder)	270
217	You Dont Miss Those	(D Marsh)	270
217	The Talent	(S Cole)	270
217	The Mainelacs	(B Whitney)	270
217	Royles Rangers	(P M Evans)	270
217	Kavs Kings	(Mr C P Barnes)	270
217	Belfast Rangers	(Mr D Crowe)	270
217	Tiggers Two	(L Lindstrom)	270
217	Brown Montago	(H Davies)	270
239	Aller Park Rovers FC	(A Davis)	269
239	Yikes Yizzy	(D Flory)	269
239	The Rising Storm	(Mr D J Hornsby)	269
239	My Blanq Eleven	(Mr G Merrett)	269
239	The Allsorts	(S C Allen)	269
239	Inter Millnam 3	(S Sharp)	269
239	Outsiders	(C Mil-Homens)	269
239	The Otters	(O Millar)	269
239	Edprops United	(R Edmondson)	269
239	Lobbys Losers	(Mr P Johnson)	269
239	Team Pulleato	(S Anderson)	269
239	Mumfordian Utd	(J Mumford)	269
239	Fantasy Flops?	(I Nield)	269
239	Willys Wonderers	(J Merrett)	269
239	Norwich City	(T Phillips)	269
239	Lens Utd	(N Laine)	269
239	Rorys Revers	(J Weall)	269
239	Brad Cit	(D Richmond)	269

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The players' weekly and overall scores and their values if you are considering the transfer option

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
10101	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	+5	-18
10102	B Mimms	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	-1
10201	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	-3	+3
10301	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	-18
10302	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
10401	D James	Liverpool	3.50	+5	+19
10402	A Warner	Liverpool	0.25	0	0
10501	J Lukic	Leeds United	3.00	-11	-11
10502	M Beeney	Leeds United	0.75	0	0
10601	P Srnicek	Newcastle United	3.00	+5	+4
10602	M Hooper	Newcastle United	1.00	0	0
10603	S Hislop	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+4
10701	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+5	+3
10702	E Thorstvedt	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	0
10801	A Roberts	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-7
10802	S Dykstra	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	0
10803	J Sommer	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	-1	-19
10901	H Segers	Wimbledon	1.50	0	0
10902	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
10903	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.50	-1	-37
11001	B Grobbelaar	Southampton	1.50	0	0
11002	D Beasant	Southampton	0.75	-3	-14
11101	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	-1	+11
11102	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	1.00	0	0
11201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	-1	+30
11202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
11301	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	-3	-20
11302	C Woods	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	0
11401	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.50	-7	-8
11402	L Sealey	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
11501	N Southall	Everton	2.50	+4	+6
11502	J Kearton	Everton	0.75	0	0
11601	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0	-15
11602	J Gould	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
11603	J Filan	Coventry City	1.50	-7	-35
11701	A Coton	Manchester City	2.50	0	0
11702	A Dibble	Manchester City	2.50	0	0
11703	E Immel	Manchester City	2.00	0	-11
11801	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	2.50	+1	+16
11802	N Spink	Aston Villa	1.00	-1	-1
11901	A Miller	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	+3
11902	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	0.75	-1	+18
12001	K Branagan	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	-3	-46
12002	A Davison	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0

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20101	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	+4	+3
20102	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	+1	+3
20103	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	+4	+12
20201	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.50	-1	+11
20202	P Parker	Manchester United	2.50	0	+6
20203	G Neville	Manchester United	2.50	-1	-1
20204	P Neville	Manchester United	0.75	0	+4
20301	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.50	0	+8
20302	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+5
20303	A Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	-9
20401	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	+4	+24
20402	S Bjornebye	Liverpool	3.00	0	+4
20403	S Harkness	Liverpool	0.75	+4	+26
20501	T Dorigo	Leeds United	3.50	-5	+4
20502	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	-2	+6
20503	N Worthington	Leeds United	1.50	0	-1
20601	J Beresford	Newcastle United	3.00	-3	+14
20602	M Hottiger	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0
20603	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	+4	+20
20701	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+4
20702	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	-3
20703	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+4	+18
20704	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	0
20705	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+4	+4
20801	D Bardsley	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0	-5
20802	R Brevett	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-4
20803	N Zelic	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0	-3
20901	A Kimble	Wimbledon	2.50	0	-2
20902	G Elkins	Wimbledon	1.50	0	-8
20903	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	1.50	0	-11
20904	R Joseph	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
21001	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	-1	+9
21002	F Benali	Southampton	1.00	-1	+5
21003	S Charlton	Southampton	1.00	-1	+3
21101	S Clarke	Chelsea	1.50	0	+3
21102	S Minto	Chelsea	1.50	0	+3
21103	G Hall	Chelsea	0.50	0	+9
21104	A Myers	Chelsea	0.50	0	+13
21105	T Phelan	Chelsea	1.50	+1	0
21106	D Petrescu	Chelsea	2.50	-1	+10
21201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	+3	+32
21202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	0	+31
21203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
21302	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	-1	+4
21303	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	-1	-3
21401	J Dicks	West Ham United	3.50	-2	+1
21402	T Breacker	West Ham United	3.00	-4	-9
21403	K Brown	West Ham United	0.75	0	0
21404	K Rowland	West Ham United	0.75	0	+10
21501	G Ablett	Everton	2.50	0	+10
21502	E Barrett	Everton	2.50	0	+4
21503	M Jackson	Everton	1.50	+4	+14
21504	P Holmes	Everton	0.50	0	-2
21601	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	0
21602	A Pickering	Coventry City	1.00	-1	-4
21603	S Morgan	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
21604	M Hall	Coventry City	0.75	-3	-19
21702	R Edghill	Manchester City	1.50	0	-1
21703	D Brightwell	Manchester City	0.75	0	0
21704	J Foster	Manchester City	0.75	0	-1
21801	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+22
21802	S Staunton	Aston Villa	4.50	0	+3
21803	A Wright	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+22
21804	P King	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
21805	B Small	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
21901	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	0
21902	N Cox	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+26
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+24
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	0
22001	G Bergsson	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	-4	-17
22002	S Green	Bolton Wanderers	0.25	-1	-12
22003	J Philips	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	-1	-15
22004	A Todd	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	-1	-3
22005	S McAnespie	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	+1

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30101	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	+3	+12
30102	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	+3
30103	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	-4
30104	A Reed	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0
30201	S Bruce	Manchester United	4.50	-1	+12
30202	G Pallister	Manchester United	4.50	0	+17
30203	D May	Manchester United	1.50	-1	-2
30301	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0	+12
30302	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	0
30401	P Babb	Liverpool	3.00	0	+17
30402	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.50	0	+21
30403	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	+4	+5
30404	M Wright	Liverpool	1.00	+4	+24
30405	D Matteo	Liverpool	0.75	0	+4
30501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	3.50	-5	+8
30502	C Palmer	Leeds United	3.00	-5	+6
30503	J Pemberton	Leeds United	1.50	0	-1
30505	P Beesley	Leeds United	1.00	0	+1
30506	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.50	-5	0
30601	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.00	+1	+4
30602	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	+4	+22
30603	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	+4	+19
30701	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+4	+14
30702	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+4	+13
30703	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	-1
30704	K Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	0
30705	J Cundy	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0



Breacker reports considerable interest in the progress of his injury from those who have selected him in ITF

Breacker calls time

Tim Breacker, the West Ham United full back, makes his ITF selections

THE time has come to start getting involved in the transfer market. The Kansas City Kings — my nephew named the side after the American baseball team, the Kansas City Royals — could do with a bit of a change. My original selection do not seem to be scoring the points I thought they would.

I picked my full backs from Manchester United and my central defenders from Everton. The idea was that Everton do not concede too many goals and that everyone at Manchester United gets involved in the attack, especially Irwin, so he was definitely going to be in the side. The problem is, they have not really done as well as I had hoped.

My goalkeeper, Warner, of Liverpool, is another who has done nothing for the team. He has not played yet, so he has not scored any points, but I suppose he has not lost me any either. Still, he only cost £250,000, and by the time I picked him I was running out of money. A good goalkeeper is expensive which means that, even if I sell Warner, I have to sell someone else as well to find enough cash to buy a better keeper. And that means I have to find a cheaper outfield player: juggling the money in this game can get complicated.

My big-money man was Matthew Le Tissier at £8 million. He has been a bit quiet so far, so maybe the time has come for him to hit form. I think — or rather I hope — that he has now had his bad spell and is ready to start scoring goals again the way he has in previous seasons. But at least if he's not scoring goals it keeps Southampton below us in the table.

Actually, it is amazing how many people talk about this game. I have been injured recently and everyone keeps coming up to me, not to ask how the injury is and how I am, but to find out when I am going to be playing again because they have got me in their Interactive Team Football (ITF) side.

Mark Draper is my best buy. He was reasonably cheap at £2.5 million and has scored more points for me than anyone else. Aston Villa have done better than a lot of people expected this year, so even if he has an average game, the team is doing well enough that he never costs me any points.

Another good investment has been Jamie Redknapp, of Liverpool. He has been out with an injury just recently but has done well this season and is now a regular for England. His passing is excellent: he has got that defence-splitting pass but can also play it simple, the pass-and-move style that Liverpool have always used.

I have not been lucky with David Platt as he has been injured. But ever since he scored that goal against Aston Villa, I have thought that he would come good for me. Degryse has been a bit in-and-out as well, so he might be one for the transfer list. Moreno, too, has not played often, so I will have to see what I can do about him.

There is still potential in my team and all I need is Manchester United to start challenging Newcastle at the top of the Premiership and Everton to stop conceding goals. That will mean I will be earning points every week.

BREACKER'S TEAM

Goalkeeper:	A Warner	(Liverpool)	£0.25m
Full backs:	D Irwin	(Man Utd)	£4.5m
	G Neville	(Man Utd)	£2.5m
Centre backs:	D Watson	(Everton)	£2.5m
	D Unsworth	(Everton)	£2.5m
Midfielders:	M Draper	(Aston Villa)	£2.5m
	J Redknapp	(Liverpool)	£2.5m
	D Platt	(Arsenal)	£4.5m
	J Moreno	(Middlesbro)	£1m
Strikers:	M Le Tissier	(Southampton)	£8m
	M Degryse	(Shefl Wed)	£3m
Manager:	H Redknapp	(West Ham)	£1m

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
30801	D Maddix	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-7
30802	S Yates	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-5
30803	A McDonald	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	-1	+1
30805	K Ready	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	-6
30901	A Reeves	Wimbledon	2.50	0	-1
30902	A Thorn	Wimbledon	0.75	0	-4
30903	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.75	0	-8
30904	C Perry	Wimbledon	1.00	0	-16
30905	A Pearce	Wimbledon	2.50	0	-2
31001	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	-1	+2
31002	A Neilson	Southampton	1.50	0	+7
31003	R Hall	Southampton	1.50	-2	+4
31101	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	0	+14
31102	J Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	1.50	0	0
31103	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3
31104	D Lee	Chelsea	0.75	0	+14
31201	T Adams	Arsenal	4.50	-1	+26
31202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	-3	+24
31203	M Keown	Arsenal	1.50	0	+21
31204	A Linighan	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
31301	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	-1	+5
31401	S Potts	West Ham United	2.50	-2	+9
31402	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	-2	+6
31403	A Martin	West Ham United	1.00	0	+21
31405	A Whitbread	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
31501	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	+7	+16
31502	D Watson	Everton	2.50	+4	+15
31503	C Short	Everton	2.50	+4	+9
31602	D Rennie	Coventry City	0.75	-1	-7
31603	D Busst	Coventry City	0.75	-4	+1
31604	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	-9
31605	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	-3	-14
31701	K Curle	Manchester City	1.50	0	+3
31702	A Kernaghan	Manchester City	1.00	0	-1
31703	M Vonk	Manchester City	1.00	0	0
31704	K Symons	Manchester City	1.50	0	+5
31801	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+20
31802	P McGrath	Aston Villa	1.50	0	+11
31804	C Tiler	Aston Villa	0.75	0	+1
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+21
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+30
31903	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	-3
31904	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	0.75	-3	+16
32001	A Stubbs	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	-1
32002	C Fairclough	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	-2	-16
32003	S Coleman	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	0
32004	G Taggart	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	-1	-7
32005	G Strong	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
40102	D Batty	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	+2	+19
40103	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	0	0
40104	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+20
40105	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	+1	+19
40107	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+1
40109	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+5
40110	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	+2	+24
40111	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+1
40112	G Fenton	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0
40201	R Giggs	Manchester United	5.50	+1	+26
40202	R Keane	Manchester United	2.50	0	+8
40203	L Sharpe	Manchester United	3.00	0	+15
40205	N Butt	Manchester United	2.00	0	+16
40206	D Beckham	Manchester United	0.75	+1	+24
40207	S Davies	Manchester United	0.75	0	+1
40302	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+11
40303	I Woan	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+18
40304	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	+24
40305	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+7
40306	S Gemmill	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+12
40307	K Black	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
40401	S McManaman	Liverpool	6.50	+1	+30
40402	J Redknapp	Liverpool	2.50	0	+21
40403	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	+2	+27
40404	P Stewart	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40405	M Thomas	Liverpool	1.50	+2	+2
40406	M Walters	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40407	N Clough	Liverpool	1.50	0	+2
40409	M Kennedy	Liverpool	2.00	0	+1
40410	J Molby	Liverpool	1.50	0	0
40411	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	+2	+13
40501	G McAllister	Leeds United	4.00	+1	+26
40502	G Speed	Leeds United	4.00	+1	+20
40503	R Wallace	Leeds United	2.50	+3	+9
40504	D White	Leeds United	1.50	0	+5
40505	L Radebe	Leeds United	0.75	0	0
40506	M Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50	0	+3
40507	A Couzens	Leeds United	1.00	+1	+1
40601	R Lee	Newcastle United	4.50	+2	+33
40603	D Ginola	Newcastle United	4.50	+2	+23
40604	K Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.00	0	+27
40605	L Clark	Newcastle United	1.50	+2	+21
40607	S Watson	Newcastle United	1.50	0	+6
40608	C Holland	Newcastle United	0.75	0	0
40609	R Elliott	Newcastle United	0.75	0	0
40701	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	6.50	0	+3
40702	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+2	+22
40703	J Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	+1	+14
40704	D Caskey	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	0
40705	G McMahon	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	+6
40706	I Dumitrescu	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	0	+3
40707	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	6.00	+4	+22
40801	S Barker	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	+1	+17
40802	I Holloway	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	+1	+12
40803	A Impey	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+3	+21
40804	S Hodge	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	0
40805	T Sinclair	Queens Park Rangers	3.00	+1	+21
40807	S Osborne	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	+3	+9
40808	G Goodridge	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	0
40901	V Jones	Wimbledon	2.00	0	+9
40902	R Earle	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+25
40903	M Gayle	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+12
40904	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+19
40905	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
40906	P Fear	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+3
41001	J Magilton	Southampton	3.00	+1	+22
41002	N Maddison	Southampton	2.00	0	+13
41003	N Heaney	Southampton	2.50	0	+5
41005	D Hughes	Southampton	0.75	0	+6
41006	T Widdrington	Southampton	1.00	0	+15
41007	B Venison	Southampton	1.50	0	+8
41101	D Wise	Chelsea	5.00	+1	+29
41102	R Gullitt	Chelsea	4.00	0	+17
41103	G Peacock	Chelsea	3.00	0	+12
41104	D Rocastle	Chelsea	1.50	0	+1
41105	N Spackman	Chelsea	0.75	0	+7
41106	C Burley	Chelsea	1.00	+1	+13
41108	E Newton	Chelsea	0.75	+1	+19
41201	G Helder	Arsenal	4.00	+1	+15
41202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	+1	+29
41204	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	0	+11
41205	E McGoldrick	Arsenal	1.00	0	0
41206	D Hillier	Arsenal	1.00	0	+2
41207	J Jensen	Arsenal	1.00	+1	+6
41208	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	+1	+20
41301	J Sheridan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+7
41302	A Sinton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	+7
41303	C Waddle	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+1	+20
41304	G Hyde	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+1	+9
41305	K Ingesson	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+5
41306	R Jones	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	0	0
41307	M Williams	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0	+2
41308	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	+1	+7
41309	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+18
41401	J Moncur	West Ham United	3.00	0	+10
41402	D Hutchison	West Ham United	5.00	0	+11
41404	M Allen	West Ham United	2.00	0	+4

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
41405	I Bishop	West Ham United	1.50	+1	+23
41406	D Gordon	West Ham United	1.00	0	0
41409	R Slater	West Ham United	1.00	+1	+14
41410	S Lazarides	West Ham United	1.00	0	+2
41411	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	+2	+14
41412	D Williamson	West Ham United	1.00	+2	+5
41501	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	5.00	0	+12
41502	J Ebbrell	Everton	1.50	+5	+11
41503	A Limpar	Everton	2.50	+2	+21
41504	B Horne	Everton	1.50	0	+8
41505	V Samways	Everton	1.50	0	+5
41506	J Parkinson	Everton	1.00	+1	+20
41508	A Grant	Everton	0.50	0	+2
41509	A Kanchelskis	Everton	6.00	+2	+23
41601	P Cook	Coventry City	2.00	0	+2
41602	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	-3	+13
41603	G Strachan	Coventry City	1.50	0	+2
41607	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+20
41608	M Isaias	Coventry City	3.00	0	+9
41609	C Batista	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
41610	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	+1	+21
41701	G Flitcroft	Manchester City	2.50	0	+10
41702	P Beagrie	Manchester City	3.00	0	+3
41703	S Lomas	Manchester City	1.50	0	+17
41704	I Brightwell	Manchester City	1.50	0	+9
41706	N Summerbee	Manchester City	1.50	0	+19
41707	G Kinkladze	Manchester City	1.50	0	+24
41801	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.00	+1	+12
41802	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.00	+1	+24
41803	G Southgate	Aston Villa	2.00	+1	+22
41805	F Carr	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
41806	M Draper	Aston Villa	2.50	+1	+28
41901	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+25
41902	A Moore	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	0
41903	J Moreno	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+1
41904	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+14
41905	J Pollock	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	+18
41906	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	+1
41907	Juninho	Middlesbrough	5.00	+1	+9
42002	D Lee	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	0	+6
42003	A Thompson	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	0	+13
42004	R Sneekes	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	+5
42005	M Patterson	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+8
42007	W Burnett	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0
42008	S Sellars	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	+3	+7

STRIKERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
50101	A Shearer	Blackburn Rovers	0.00	+3	+52
50102	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	7.00	0	+7
50103	M Newell	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	+1	+15
50104	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+1
50105	N G'mndsson	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	0
50201	E Cantona	Manchester United	7.50	+1	+17
50202	A Cole	Manchester United	7.00	+1	+19
50203	B McClair	Manchester United	3.00	0	+14
50204	P Scholes	Manchester United	2.50	0	+28
50301	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	6.00	0	+21
50302	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	+5
50303	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+20
50304	G Bull	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0
50305	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0	+1
50401	R Fowler	Liverpool	8.00	+4	+41
50402	S Collymore	Liverpool	7.50	+1	+18
50403	I Rush	Liverpool	3.00	0	+15
50501	A Yeboah	Leeds United	7.50	+1	+35
50502	B Deane	Leeds United	2.50	0	+16
50503	P Masinga	Leeds United	1.50	0	+1
50504	N Whelan	Leeds United	1.50	+1	+3
50506	T Brolin	Leeds United	5.00	+3	+5
50601	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.00	+3	+51
50602	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	+1	+21
50603	P Kitson	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+2
50604	M Allen	Newcastle United	0.50	0	0
50605	D Huckerby	Newcastle United	0.50	0	0
50701	E Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	6.00	+1	+38
50702	C Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	+1	+21
50704	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+1	+18
50801	K Gallen	Queens Park Rangers	4.50	0	+11
50802	B Allen	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-1
50803	D Dichio	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	+19
50805	M Hateley	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0	+2
50901	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	4.00	+1	+22
50902	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50	+1	+13
50903	M Harford	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+7
50904	G Blissett	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
50905	A Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+2
50906	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	2.50	+1	+13
50907	J Euell	Wimbledon	1.50	0	0
51001	M Le Tissier	Southampton	8.00	+1	+17
51002	N Shipperley	Southampton	2.50	+1	+24
51003	G Watson	Southampton	2.00	0	+14
51004	C Maskell	Southampton	0.75	0	0
51101	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00	0	+21
51102	M Stein	Chelsea	2.50	0	+6
51103	J Spencer	Chelsea	2.50	+3	+9
51104	P Furlong	Chelsea	2.50	0	+4
51201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.50	+1	+23
51202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.50	0	+25
51203	J Hartson	Arsenal	4.00	+1	+8
51204	C Kiwomya	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
51206	P Dickov	Arsenal	0.75	0	+3
51301	D Hirst	Sheffield Wednesday	4.00	+5	+23
51302	M Bright	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+3	+26
51303	G Whittingham	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+3	+14
51304	O Donaldson	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	+3
51305	M Degryse	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	+5	+20
51401	T Cottee	West Ham United	4.50	+4	+25
51403	M Boogers	West Ham United	2.00	0	-3
51404	I Dowie	West Ham United	0.75	+2	+16
51501	D Ferguson	Everton	6.00	0	+1
51502	D Amokachi	Everton	2.00	+2	+16
51503	P Rideout	Everton	3.00	0	+22
51504	G Stuart	Everton	2.00	+4	+18
51601	D Dublin	Coventry City	4.50	+3	+34
51602	P Ndlovu	Coventry City	4.00	+1	+19
51605	N Lamptey	Coventry City	1.00	0	+3
51701	U Rosler	Manchester City	5.50	0	+16
51702	N Quinn	Manchester City	4.00	0	+9
51705	G Creaney	Manchester City	2.50	0	+8
51801	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	4.00	+7	+31
51803	D Yorke	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+31
51804	T Johnson	Aston Villa	2.50	+3	+12
51901	J Fjortoft	Middlesbrough	5.00	+1	+19
51902	J Hendrie	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
51903	P Wilkinson	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	0
51904	N Barmby	Middlesbrough	4.00	0	+26
52001	J McGinlay	Bolton Wanderers	3.00	+1	+17
52003	M Paatelainen	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+6
52004	F De Freitas	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+18

MANAGERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
60101	R Harford	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	+3	+16
60201	A Ferguson	Manchester United	4.00	-1	+32
60301	F Clark	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+26
60401	R Evans	Liverpool	4.00	+3	+26
60501	H Wilkinson	Leeds United	3.00	-1	+19
60601	K Keegan	Newcastle United	4.00	+3	+40
60701	G Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	+3	+30
60801	R Wilkins	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	+3	+4
60901	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	1.00	-1	+4
61001	D Merrington	Southampton	1.50	-1	+8
61101	G Hoddle	Chelsea	2.50	+1	+20
61201	B Rioch	Arsenal	3.50	+1	+28
61301	D Pleat	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	+3	+14
61401	H Redknapp	West Ham United	1.00	+2	+16
61501	J Royle	Everton	2.00	+2	+16
61601	R Atkinson	Coventry City	1.50	-1	+2
61701	A Ball	Manchester City	1.50	0	+5
61801	B Little	Aston Villa	2.50	+3	+28
61901	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.00	-1	+26
62001	R McFarland	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	-1	-4

NEWS

Courts martial for trial in Europe

■ The British courts martial system is to go on trial in Europe in a case that could leave the Ministry of Defence facing dozens of compensation claims and a bill for millions of pounds.

In an unprecedented ruling yesterday, the European Commission of Human Rights agreed that a traumatised Falklands veteran who held colleagues hostage at gunpoint might not have had a fair hearing at the court martial that led to his dismissal from the Army ..... Page 1

New jail inspector pulls team out

■ The new inspector of prisons, General Sir David Ramsbotham, withdrew his inspection team from Holloway women's prison in north London two days ahead of schedule because they were so appalled by conditions. The move shows he intends to establish a reputation for independence ...Page 1

Lottery disclosure

Virginia Bottomley revealed that Peter Davis, the National Lottery Regulator, ignored government advice not to accept free flights or accommodation during a visit to America ..... Page 1

Meningitis death

An Oxford University student has died of meningitis after returning home to Humberside to spend Christmas with her family. Jenny Cullen, 19, was in her second year at St Anne's ..... Page 5

Threat to Yeltsin

The last votes in Russia's parliamentary elections were still being counted, showing the Communist Party ahead, and a campaign was under way to challenge President Yeltsin ..... Pages 1, 10, 16

BSE reassurance

Experiments with genetically engineered mice have yielded the first positive evidence that humans will not catch "mad cow" disease from eating the beef of infected cattle ..... Pages 6, 17

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Icy Arctic air promises a white Christmas for much of Britain, with snow forecast in the next day or so. Snow in London will cost William Hill more than £100,000 ..... Pages 1, 22

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The fast food chain Burger King has given £106,000 compensation to 900 workers who lost wages when they were told to take unpaid breaks at times when business was quiet ..... Page 7

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John Major gave the firmest indication yet that the Conservatives will hold a referendum on membership of a single European currency ..... Pages 2, 8, 16, 17

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While Austria assessed Sunday's election results, the task of restoring the Government's credibility fell to Franz Vranitzky, the Chancellor ..... Page 11

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Mhairi Julyan, 16, missing on her way home from a family outing to the pantomine *Sleeping Beauty* on Saturday, has been found murdered ..... Page 3

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American combat troops from the 325th infantry airborne team began arriving at the Tuzla airbase in Bosnia aboard huge transport planes ..... Page 11

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■ The Princess of Wales will not attend the Royal Family's traditional Christmas gathering at Sandringham. She telephoned the Queen to tell her that she had changed her mind and decided not to face sub-zero temperatures of disapproval from the family. Prince William and Prince Harry will be there for at least two weeks with their father ..... Page 1

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■ **SHEER FUN**
Any woman can wear it. The secrets of see-through fashion revealed

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Mick Hucknall's big night out at Wembley, by Alan Jackson



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The real lesson of the past few weeks is that France will find it easier to put its economic house in order when its political class treats French voters as adults .....Page 17

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"I am assured that the best families are all in the stately hotelier trade now," replied Beach. "The Marquess of Northampton is offering a paying Yuletide house party at Castle Ashby." .....Page 17

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The lottery has been mishandled: any bookie, barmaid, brothelkeeper or lingerie saleswoman could tell you why. Those who purvey self-indulgent minor vices have always known that if you want to profit from human frailty you must make the customer feel comfortable .....Page 16

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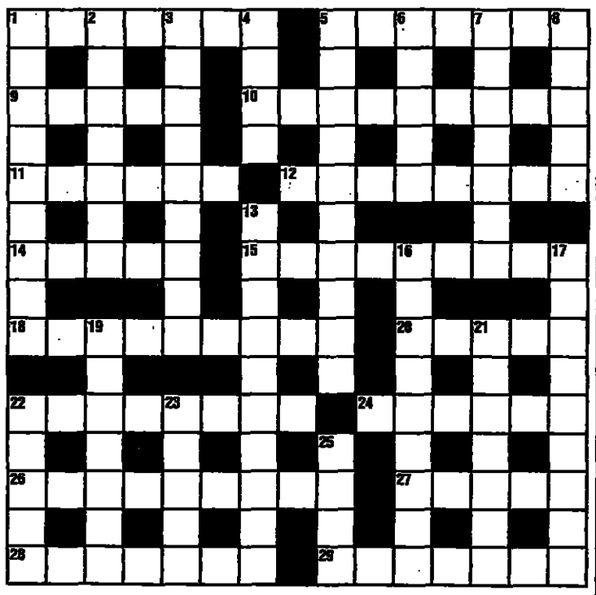
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1 Hearing aid to carry with some annoyance (7).
5 Boasted about change no longer acceptable in the press (7).
9 Nothing depraved about this girl (5).
10 Daily dash leading to heat exhaustion? (9).
11 Bird clawed end to end in both directions (6).
12 Carefree young lady making her bow in broadcasting (8).
14 Comb mane (5).
15 Vanish into thin air? Prepare, on return, to make speech (9).
18 A little drink is not a significant matter (5,4).
20 Authority put into words (3-2).
22 Navigational aid encumbers sailor (8).
24 Head of whale in fisherman's bag? It's just a yarn! (6).
26 It may be found smoking after hostilities (5-4).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,041

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27 It's said to impart confidence in the theatre (5).
28 Knockabout incorporated by Laurel and Hardy (7).
29 Revolting drunk can make one very nervous (7).

DOWN

1 A great advantage on moors in rural America (9).
2 Goes uneasily into great enterprise, initially taking short-term view (7).
3 Essential lead, perhaps, given to a learner (9).
4 Fellow-drinker of poet said to be optimistic (4).
5 Supporters of a wicked bunch (10).
6 Old-fashioned answer is best (5).
7 Cook or a maid providing model display (7).
8 Royal existence in expensive environment can be boring (5).
13 Story about continental victory is an eye-opener (10).
16 Start off task, with scout, perhaps, on the lookout (9).
17 Soothing doctor met ill one (9).
19 In the style of scholars in area round Birmingham (7).
21 Ready for retirement year, having protective cover (7).
22 Rogue, finally brought in, cuts and runs (5).
23 Bouquet was charming, we hear (5).
25 What state's provided for each university? (4).

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Sennybridge, Powys, 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Tivington, Somerset, 0.91in; highest sunshine: Aviemore, Highland, 3.7hrs.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** central and northern parts of England and Wales will have a cloudy day with drizzle at times, and this could turn to sleet or snow over the hills. Rain in the far southwest will slowly spread northeastwards during the day and could turn to sleet over Exmoor, Dartmoor and the higher ground of South Wales.

Most of Scotland will have wintry showers throughout the day, heavy at times and falling as snow over the mountains. This brighter showery weather will spread into Northern Ireland during the afternoon.

☐ **London, Central S, SE England:** mostly dry and cloudy. Wind east to northeast light to moderate. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **E Anglia, E, W Midlands, Central N, NW, E England, W Midlands, N Wales:** cloudy with drizzle at times, possible sleet over hills. Wind east light to moderate. Max 5C (41F).

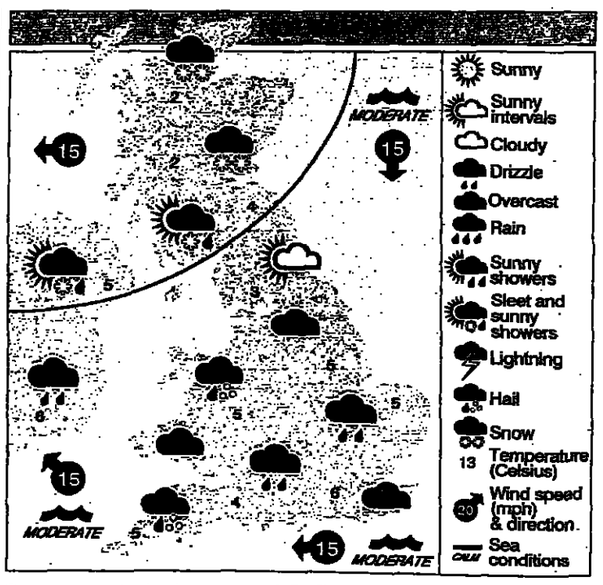
☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** cloudy with outbreaks of rain, possibly turning to sleet over hills later. Wind east to southeast moderate to fresh. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders, SW Scotland, N Ireland:** cloudy with drizzle, becoming brighter with wintry showers later. Wind east to northeast moderate. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** clear intervals and wintry showers, heavy at times. Wind northeast moderate. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny intervals and wintry showers, heavy at times. Wind north to northwest, moderate to fresh. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Outlook:** wintry showers over Scotland, outbreaks of rain, sleet or snow further south.



Changes to chart below from noon: high G will remain stationary and decline slowly; low O will drift eastwards and fill; low V will move eastwards slowly and start to fill

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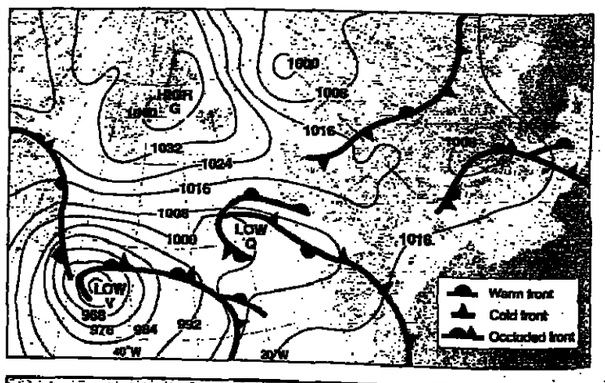
24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	-	6	43	c	London	-	0.05	6	43	r
Anglesey	-	0.01	6	43	sh	Lowestoft	-	-	5	41	c
Aspatria	3.6	-	5	41	s	Manchester	-	-	6	43	c
Aviemore	3.7	-	2	36	s	Margate	-	-	5	41	du
Belfast	-	-	7	45	c	Minehead	-	0.89	4	38	r
Birmingham	-	-	3	37	du	Morecambe	0.5	-	7	45	c
Bognor R	-	0.03	5	41	r	Newcastle	0.6	-	7	45	c
Bournem'th	-	0.22	4	39	r	Newquay	X				
Bristol	-	0.49	4	39	r	Norwich	X				
Buxton	-	-	4	39	c	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	-	0.57	3	37	r	Oxford	-	0.07	3	37	r
Colwyn Bay	-	0.01	5	41	c	Penzance	X				
Cromer	-	-	4	39	du	Plymouth	X				
Doncaster	X					Poole	-	0.44	5	41	r
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	-	5	41	du
Eastbourne	-	0.09	8	43	r	Rose-o-wye	-	0.13	3	37	r
Edinburgh	-	-	7	45	c	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	1.0	-	5	41	c	Salcombe	X				
Exmouth	-	0.46	5	41	d	Sandown	-	0.01	5	41	d
Falmouth	X					Seaton Snd	-	0.31	5	41	c
Fishguard	-	0.72	3	37	r	Scarboro'	-	-	8	46	du
Folkestone	-	0.02	5	41	r	Shanklin	-	0.04	4	39	d
Glasgow	2.5	-	7	45	b	Shrewsbury	-	-	4	39	du
Guernsey	0.8	0.09	11	52	du	Skegness	X				
Hastings	-	0.10	6	43	r	Southend	X				
Hayling I.	-	-	5	41	r	Southport	-	-	7	45	c
Herne Bay	-	-	5	41	du	Southsea	-	0.01	5	41	c
Hove	X					St. Ives	X				
Hunstanton	-	-	5	41	c	Stornoway	X				
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	X				
Isle of Man	-	-	7	45	c	Teignmouth	-	0.17	5	41	du
Jersey	-	0.06	9	48	c	Tenby	X				
Kinloss	-	-	6	43	c	Tiree	1.4	-	6	43	c
Leeds	-	-	8	43	c	Torquay	-	0.15	6	43	d
Lerwick	-	-	5	41	c	Tynemouth	X				
Leuchars	-	-	7	45	c	Valentia	-	0.05	5	41	d
Littlehmptn	-	0.08	5	41	r	West-s-mare	X				
Liverpool	-	-	8	43	c	Weymouth	-	0.45	6	43	c

ABROAD

Ajaccio	14	57	f	Cologne	0	32	c	Luxor	18	64	c
Akrotiri	15	59	f	Corfu	13	55	f	Madrid	9	48	f
Alex'dria	19	66	f	C'phagn	-3	27	fg	Majorca	17	63	s
Algiers	18	64	s	Dublin	7	45	c	Malaga	18	61	s
Amst'dam	-1	30	c	Dubrovnik	10	50	r	Malta	18	64	r
Athens	12	54	s	Faro	13	55	f	Melb'rne	18	64	s
B Aires	34	93	s	Florence	16	61	s	Mexico C	22	72	s
Bahrain	20	68	s	Frankfurt	0	32	c	Miami	27	81	f
Bangkok	31	88	f	Funchal	20	68	c	Milan	7	45	c
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	3	37	r	Montreal	-3	27	-
Barcelona	14	57	s	Gibraltar	18	61	f	Moscow	-1	30	c
Beirut	14	57	f	Helsinki	0	32	s	Munich	-2	28	c
Belfast	6	43	c	Hong K	18	64	c	N Delhi	20	68	s
Belgrade	8	43	s	Innsbruck	5	41	s	N York	5	41	s
Berlin	-4	25	c	Istanbul	5	43	f	Nairobi	25	77	f
Bermuda	18	64	c	Jeddah	26	79	s	Naples	16	61	f
Biarritz	15	59	s	Jo'burg	15	59	r	Nice	11	52	c
Borde'x	13	55	s	Karachi	27	81	s	Paris	5	41	fg
Brussels	1	34	s	L Angels	17	63	s	Peking	4	39	s
Budapst	0	32	c	L Palmas	21	70	c	Perth	25	77	s
Cairo	19	66	f	Le Tquet	3	37	f	Prague	-2	28	c
Cape Tn	28	82	s	Lisbon	8	46	fg	Reykjavik	4	39	c
Ch'church	24	75	s	Locarno	8	46	c	Rhodes	15	59	s
Chicago	3	37	f	Luxembg	-1	30	c	Rio de J	32	90	f
Riyadh	12	54	c
Rome	13	55	r
S Fr'isco	11	52	s
S Paulo	25	77	c
Salzburg	-3	27	fg
Santiago	29	84	s
Seoul	2	36	s
Sing'por	31	88	f
St'kholm	0	32	s
Strasb'rg	-1	30	c
Sydney	20	68	c
Tangier	15	59	r
Tel Aviv	17	63	f
Tenerife	23	73	f
Tokyo	10	50	s
Toronto	-3	27	c
Tunis	17	63	s
Valencia	16	61	s
Vanc'ver	7	45	c
Venice	3	48	r
Warsaw	-3	27	s
Wash'ton	5	41	s
Wel'ngton	18	64	s
Zurich	-1	30	fg

Temperatures at midday local time on Sunday X = not available



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10:56	6.60	11:25	6.79	Leith	11:50	5.13	–	–
Aberdeen	10:49	4.04	11:05	4.18	Liverpool	5:24	8.61	8:49	8.81
Avonmouth	4:06	11.43	4:37	11.98	Lowestoft	6:20	2.43	7:19	2.39
Belfast	8:06	3.15	8:27	3.36	Margate	9:11	4.39	9:49	4.44
Cardiff	4:06	10.35	4:29	10.69	Milford Haven	3:18	6.06	3:42	6.33
Devonport	2:45	4.83	3:09	4.97	Newquay	2:19	5.78	2:44	6.06
Dover	8:00	6.10	8:28	6.15	Oban	3:17	3.47	3:27	3.71
Dublin	8:57	3.80	9:18	3.95	Penzance	1:49	4.86	2:13	5.01
Falmouth	2:06	4.46	2:34	4.69	Portland	10:24	3.97	10:19	4.19
Glasgow	10:24	3.97	10:19	4.19	Portsmouth	8:31	4.53	8:57	4.40
Harwich	8:45	3.65	9.23	3.80	Sheerham	8:24	5.75	8:53	5.70
Holyhead	7:37	5.15	7:57	5.32	Southampton	7:57	4.32	8:23	4.17
Hull	3:13	6.63	3:51	6.75	Swansea	3:20	8.26	3:44	8.59
Ilfracombe	3:04	8.24	3:28	8.52	Tees	0:38	4.79	1:12	4.91
King's Lynn	3:30	6.75	4:00	5.89	W'ton-on-Nze	8:49	3.82	9:25	4.04

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 8.02 am
Sun sets: 3.53 pm
Moon sets 2.05 pm
Moon rises 4.27 am
New Moon December 22

London 3.53 pm to 8.03 am
Bristol 4.03 pm to 8.12 am
Edinburgh 3.39 pm to 8.41 am
Manchester 3.50 pm to 8.22 am
Penzance 4.21 pm to 8.18 am

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

TUESDAY DECEMBER 19 1995

Sharp fall on Wall St stirs rush to sell

By Richard Thomson and Michael Clark

STOCK MARKETS across Europe were shaken out of their pre-Christmas complacency yesterday by a sharp fall on Wall Street that set off an avalanche of sell orders around the world.

The rush to sell started on Wall Street after computer problems forced the New York Stock Exchange to open an hour late, at 10.30am, by which time London share and bond prices had fallen sharply. London dealers sensed that all was not well but could not gauge the depth of New York losses because of the breakdowns.

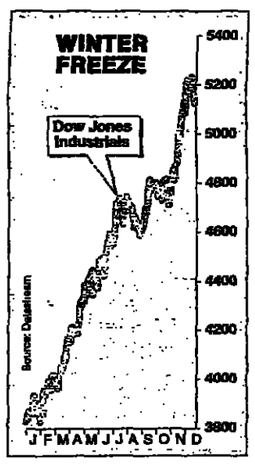
By the time it was possible to calculate an opening Dow-Jones industrial average, it was showing a loss of around 90 points. At 2pm in New York, it was down 66.84 points at 5,109.89. In London, the FT-SE 100 fell back through the 3,600 level to close 46.5 points down at 3,596.1.

The fault in New York was traced to the terminals on the dealing floor of the Exchange, which failed to work properly when trading started. The New York Stock Exchange insisted, however, that the fault had nothing to do with the record turnover last Friday when 653.16 million shares changed hands.

Friday's unprecedented trading volume, due partly to the "triple witching hour" of settlements on the futures and options exchanges, outstripped the record set on Black Monday in October 1987. It put a severe strain on the Exchange's computers, which have been progressively upgraded since the last time they failed in December 1990.

Dealers said the delay in opening yesterday contributed to the steep fall during the first few minutes of trading. "Prices had already begun to fall on the futures markets in London and the Continent," Charles Blood, head analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman, said. "The over-the-counter market opened on time in New York and started to fall because of a sell-off in technology stocks. When the NYSE opened later, the whole market had to catch up."

The New York Stock Exchange was forced to introduce limits on computer program trading, as it is obliged to do when the Dow falls more than 50 points. However, the sell-off encouraged a further fall in London share prices as investors took fright that markets on both sides of the Atlantic were overbought. "The fall may just be exhaustion and profit-taking after the spectacular advances over the last few weeks," said Mr Blood.



But there is also growing scepticism over an expected interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve Board at its Open Market Committee meeting today. Until last week, hopes had been high that a cut of at least 0.25 per cent was on the way, but confusing economic indicators have dampened the stock market's optimism over a cut this month.

Dealers said that many investors may simply have decided to take their profits from recent share price rises and wait until after Christmas to worry about interest rates.

Another partial US government shutdown because of the impasse in Washington over attempts to cut the Federal budget deficit also dampened enthusiasm on Wall Street.

London, meanwhile, had begun turning easier around 2pm. The FT-SE 100 index had drifted lower in thin trading for much of the day but fell sharply during the last hour of business to close just above its low for session. The total number of shares traded was just 662 million, indicating more of a sharp markdown than any real weight of selling.

Government securities also fell sharply during the last hour reflecting losses of more than a point by US Treasury bonds. The March series of the long gilt future finished £½ down at £110$^{3}/_{8}$.

Brokers said that the correction in both London and New York had been long overdue and had been created more by uncertainty over the US Federal budget deadlock, which served to undermine the prospect of further cuts in interest rates.

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DES JENSON



Peter Lawrence, the chairman of Lawrence, owner of the Petworld Superstores chain, reported interim pre-tax profits of £820,000 (£342,000). The maiden interim dividend is 1.5p. Second-half trading has started well and prospects for new markets are improving

Kvaerner fails in £360m bid for Amec

By Alasdair Murray

KVAERNER, the Norwegian engineering company, said yesterday that it had failed in its £360 million bid for Amec, the UK construction company.

Kvaerner received acceptances worth 10.4 per cent of ordinary shares and 28.2 per cent of preference shares, which, when added to the company's existing stake, gave it 37.5 per cent of Amec's voting rights, well below the 50 per cent required for the bid to succeed. Erik Tonseth, Kvaerner's chief executive, said: "We are obviously disappointed, but the shareholders felt Amec was worth more than we were offering."

Kvaerner will continue to be the largest shareholder in Amec, having already bought a 26.1 per cent stake at a cost of £52 million. It may choose to use the stake as a platform for a further bid, although under takeover rules it would have to wait a year before doing so.

Mr Tonseth said: "We have no plans beyond enjoying Christmas and we will consider our position after that. But if the promises made by the Amec board prove to be correct, the holding will prove to be a positive element."

Kvaerner could also use its position to push for more joint ventures. The alternative of selling out would result in a substantial loss on the holding, assuming Kvaerner could find a buyer.

The share price closed last night at 93p, 7p below Kvaerner's bid price but still well above 78p, the price the day before Kvaerner launched its dawn raid on November 23.

Peter Mason joins Amec as chief executive, next month. Sir Alan Cockshaw, chairman, will move to a non-executive role. The company has promised to target high-growth and high-margin international markets and seek rationalisation in the UK construction industry.

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Business Today

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3596.1	(-46.5)
Yield	3.97%	
FT-SE A All share	1762.82	(-17.52)
Nikkei	19311.08	(-35.47)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5109.89	(-66.84)*
S&P Composite	609.66	(-6.68)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5$^{11}/_{16}$%*	(5$^{5}/_{8}$%)
Long Bond	109$^{5}/_{32}$*	(110$^{5}/_{32}$)
Yield	6.16%*	(6.10%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6$^{1}/_{16}$%	(6$^{3}/_{16}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	110^{4}	(111$^{12}/_{32}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5390*	(1.5365)
London:		
$	1.5399	(1.5393)
DM	2.2028	(2.2208)
FFr	7.5910	(7.6430)
SFr	1.7673	(1.7904)
Yen	156.56	(157.27)
£ Index	82.5	(83.0)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4306*	(1.4432)
FFr	4.9340*	(4.9655)
SFr	1.1487*	(1.1633)
Yen	101.64*	(102.02)
$ Index	93.9	(94.2)

Tokyo close Yen 101.86

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Mar) $17.50 ($17.45)

GOLD

London close $387.25 ($386.00)

* denotes midday trading price

Trillions

More than $1.7 trillion is at risk on a typical day in the "exotic" and unregulated over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives market, according to the Bank for International Settlements, a far greater figure than previously imagined. Page 24

Long hours

Staff at Barclays yesterday urged the bank and other businesses to take action against a "long-hours epidemic" at work. Workers attacked the "socially and economically destructive" culture of long hours at work. Page 28

Oftel 'fund' could force up BT bills

By Eric Reguly

OFTEL, the telecoms industry regulator, yesterday proposed the introduction of a special fund to provide affordable phone services to all residents and schools. It would be financed by BT and its competitors and would be reflected in consumers' bills.

The so-called universal service fund, the central proposal in Oftel's new consultative document on universal service, would collect £50-100 million a year, or slightly less than 1 per cent of annual turnover in the telecoms industry. It would come into effect in 1997. The contributions would be based on market share, meaning British Telecom, at least in the early years, would make the bulk of the payments.

Don Cruickshank, the Director General of Telecommunications, agreed that the fund is effectively a tax that would be passed on to consumers. He said: "The costs have to be borne somewhere. This is a service."

Linking some 30,000 primary, secondary and special schools to advanced telecoms networks is the most ambitious aspect of the fund. The money would cover the actual connections and ensure "affordable and predictable network access and usage tariffs" but would not pay for equipment such as computers for students or teacher training.

Mr Cruickshank's schools scheme was not welcomed by BT, which recently reached an "understanding" with Labour to connect schools to the Information Superhighway free of charge if the party wins the next election. In exchange, Labour would lift the ban preventing BT from using its network to broadcast live entertainment.

The fund is also aimed at increasing overall phone penetration. About 2 million households lack basic phone service because they cannot afford it. Options include providing a "lifeline" service, allowing consumers to receive incoming calls but only make emergency outgoing calls, and a pay-as-you-go scheme, which would require up-front payments.

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Nynex and Bell close to merger

TWO of the largest domestic US telephone companies, Nynex and Bell Atlantic, are close to a merger that would create the world's second biggest phone company (Richard Thomson writes).

The combined group, with profits of $3 billion and revenues of $27 billion, would leapfrog all other US telecommunications companies except AT&T, and hasten the massive shake-up of the industry that is under way. It would also race ahead of British Telecom, its largest potential overseas competitor, and MCI, currently the second-largest US long-distance phone carrier in which BT has a 20 per cent stake.

The merger discussions were prompted by new legislation planned by Congress to deregulate the US telecoms market. The legislation would allow the seven so-called "Baby Bells", local and regional phone companies that were spun off from AT&T in 1984, to participate in the long-distance market. The new law could be passed before the year end. Tempus, page 26

Public borrowing up extra £1bn

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

A FAR worse than expected government borrowing figure for November prompted some City economists to predict an overshoot of the Government's latest prediction, less than three weeks after it was made.

The public sector borrowing requirement totalled £3.7 billion last month, about £1 billion more than the City had been expecting. This takes the cumulative PSBR in the first eight months of the current tax year to £22.8 billion, compared with £23.2 billion in the same period last year, according to the Central Statistical Office.

In the Budget, the Government revised its forecast for the full year to £29 billion from £23.6 billion predicted in the summer forecast.

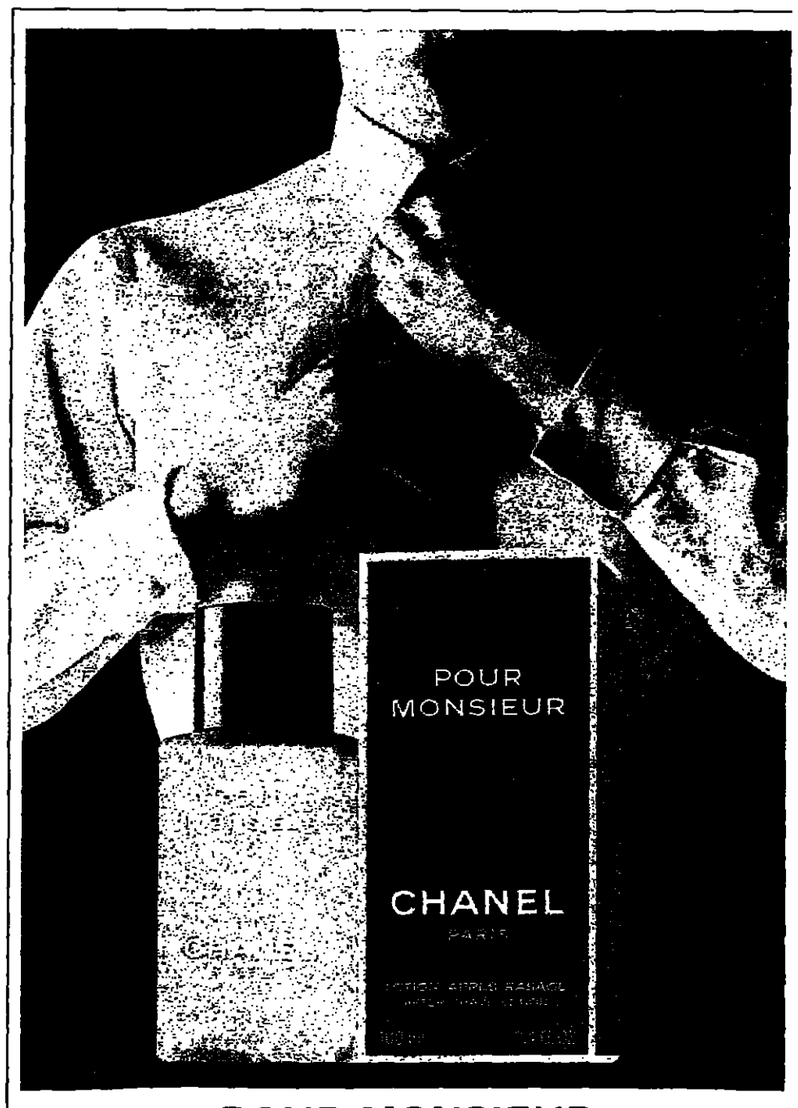
The worse than expected figure was down to disappointing tax revenues and local authority spending. VAT receipts were particularly weak, showing a year-on-year growth rate of only 3.6 per cent so far this year, compared with the Budget forecast of a 5.2 per cent gain.

Local authorities had a £300 million surplus last month, but they have been borrowing more heavily than in the previous year. To hit the Government's forecast of a £100 million deficit for the full year, they would have to run a monthly surplus of £300 million in the last four months of the tax year.

However, according to Michael Saunders, of Salomon Brothers, that has never happened in the past ten years. Mr Saunders said that the Government would probably still meet its target, but local authority finances and tax revenues would have to improve.

David Hillier, of NatWest Markets, said that the Government would have to see a strong clutch of corporation tax receipts next month and a smaller than usual end of year bounce in departmental spending if it were to meet its PSBR target.

Greater concern attaches to the Government's forecast of a £22.4 billion PSBR next year, given that few economists believe that it will achieve its prediction of 3 per cent growth in gross domestic product.



POUR MONSIEUR
ELEGANCE IS TIMELESS
CHANEL

Royal and Bank of Ireland agree US deal

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

ROYAL Bank of Scotland and Bank of Ireland have reached agreement on a $14.4 billion combination of their US banking operations through a merger of Citizens Financial and Bank of Ireland First Holdings, the holding company for First NH Bank.

The merger will create the third-largest commercial banking group in New England, to trade under the Citizens name. It is being achieved through the issue of new Citizens shares to Bank of Ireland. RBS will hold 76.5 per cent of the enlarged Citizens share capital, giving it full management control of the US bank.

The remaining 23.5 per cent will be held by Bank of Ireland. It will have two directors on the new Citizens board of 13 — Pat Molloy, Bank of Ireland chief executive, and Maurice Keane, his deputy. Citizens will continue be run by Larry Fish, chairman, president and chief executive officer.

On the basis of an estimated value of $1.85 billion for the enlarged Citizens, the deal values Bank of Ireland's 23.5 per cent share at $435 million. Citizens contributes assets of $10.2 billion to the merged operation and First NH contributes $4.2 billion. Bank of Ireland's share of the merged bank is smaller than its assets suggest because it is taking around $220 million in cash and loan notes from Citizens at completion of the deal next Spring. This represents surplus capital within the bank and the value of tax losses which will then be available to Citizens.

Citizens will also return $50 million of capital to RBS, representing RBS's share of Citizens profits before the merger. Bank of Ireland may receive up to $26 million if certain tax losses are realised in the future. Its leasing subsidiary, Bank Ireland First Financial, does not form part of the deal. It will be transferred to Bank of Ireland before completion at a book value of $24 million.

An RBS spokesman said leasing was "not in line with Citizens' other businesses". He said there is no overlap of branches, but RBS expected that there would be overlap in back offices, though it was too early to say how many jobs would go.

Derivatives market has $1,745 billion at risk daily

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MORE than $1.7 trillion ($1,745 billion) is at risk on a typical day in the "exotic" and unregulated over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives market.

The figures come from the first global survey of the market, conducted by the G10 central banks under the auspices of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) based in Switzerland. The figure was far bigger than previous estimates of the size of the market.

The survey covered 26 countries and 2,400 market participants. It showed that the notional amounts of the contracts on a typical day was $40.7 trillion, but, of that, only $1.7 trillion was at risk.

Although the average amounts at risk were relatively small compared with banks' lending risk, regulators have become concerned about the OTC derivatives of the institutions they regulate. OTC contracts are negotiated between market participants, usually dealers or financial institutions, and as such are unregulated. The survey did not focus on global exchange-traded derivatives activity, though it did show that the OTC market is significantly smaller.

The survey was not undertaken for regulatory purposes, but Pen Kent, executive director of the Bank of England, said the "exotic" OTC derivatives market was changing rapidly and "there are regulatory questions which you start to be able to ask and to answer". From a regulator's point of view, he said, the survey provided a useful "track record".

Shinichi Yoshikuni, a senior adviser in the international section of the Bank of Japan, is leading a sub-group that is following up the survey with a view to persuading the leading OTC derivatives players to provide regular market information to regulators.

He said that the detailed analysis of the survey's results, to be published next spring, should "help to enhance the transparency of the markets further".

He said: "The regular reporting should aim at improving transparency in derivatives markets for the benefit of market participants and official authorities." This monitoring would aim to be market friendly, he said.

The survey showed that London is the most active market for OTC derivatives with a 30 per cent market share, or gross turnover of $351 billion a day on average. The US is next with 15 per cent, followed by Japan with 12 per cent.

In order to show how the OTC derivatives market compares with other financial markets, BIS said that, of the $1.7 trillion total, the amount at risk of foreign exchange and interest rate derivatives contracts concluded with counterparties abroad on a typical day was $935 billion. This compares with $7.7 trillion at risk in the cross-border claims of BIS reporting banks.

Ian Wood, the Bank of England official who co-ordinated the UK side of the survey, said the biggest surprise was not the size of the market but the fact that it was less concentrated than had been expected.

He said 21 firms had 1 per cent or more of the market and 16 firms had 2 per cent or more. The top 10 firms together accounted for 52 per cent of the market, he said.

Hull and Medway in jobs plan

TWO areas where the Government will test a new training scheme aimed at helping long-term unemployed people to find a job were announced yesterday.

The £12 million Project Work scheme will be tested at Hull and at Medway and Maidstone in Kent.

Under the pilot scheme, which will start next April, anyone who refuses to attend the programme of work experience will lose their benefits.

Eric Forth, the Employment Minister, said: "The pilot schemes will offer a wide range of opportunities provided by private, voluntary and charitable organisations.

"Most long-term unemployed want to work and will value the help this scheme gives."

Under the pilot scheme, 6,000 people aged between 18 and 50 will receive an allowance equal to their unemployment benefit plus £10 a week.

ALAN WELLER



Ian Tegner, left, and Rodney Webb, managing director, look forward to better times

Crest rides out rises

CREST PACKAGING, the manufacturer of flexible packaging and cartons, said raw material prices had stabilised, easing pressure on margins (Martin Barrow writes).

The company yesterday reported a decline in pre-tax profits to £1.07 million from £1.38 million in the 28 weeks to October 28.

Earnings fell to 2.7p a share from 3.5p. The interim dividend is maintained at 1.375p a share, due on March 22. The shares were unchanged at 65p yesterday.

Ian Tegner, chairman, said the rapid escalation in raw material costs and the intense competition among key customers led to a continued delay in the recovery of cost increases.

Mr Tegner added that although trading conditions remained tough the company looked forward with increasing confidence. Order books were strong.

Tele-Cine Cell hit after profit warning

BY MARTIN BARROW

SHARES in Tele-Cine Cell, the film, television and video production facilities company, dropped 26p to 72p yesterday after ittold shareholders that profits would fall significantly below expectations in the second half.

The company, whose shares were floated on the stock market in November 1994 at 170p, said that increased capacity in the facilities industry had triggered aggressive rate discounting, resulting in loss of business to competitors.

In an effort to claw back market share, the company has increased expenditure on marketing in the UK and overseas, but it said that was unlikely to have any impact until 1996.

Tele-Cine Cell, which is based in Soho, has carried out work for Guinness commercials, *Spitting Image* and Premiership Football. The company specialises in video-editing and special effects. Last year's flotation raised £4 million of new money to reduce borrowings and provide additional working capital.

The share issue had valued the company at £20 million and made Paul O'Hagan and John Rowland, its joint managing directors, paper millionaires, valuing their holdings at £2.7 million each. Yesterday, the value of the holdings fell to £1.4 million.

The company said that the total dividend for the year would be maintained at 5.4p a share. At the interim stage, when profits fell to £914,000 before tax from £1.29 million, a 1.8p dividend was paid.

Govan joins space race

A £1 BILLION order for launching up to 20 American satellites on Ukrainian rockets yesterday guaranteed a Glasgow shipyard a place in the commercial space race.

The order from the Hughes Space and Communications Company will help to secure 1,300 jobs at the Kvaerner Govan yard, which is to build the £60 million ship that will be the control centre for the project, called Sea Launch.

The order for ten satellite launchers, and options for ten more, was announced by Hughes and other leaders of the project, of which the Scottish yard is part. The ambitious plan to launch satellites from the Pacific was announced earlier this year, but until yesterday there had been no firm orders. Work on the control vessel can now begin at Govan and the first launch is scheduled for 1998.

Kjell Mikalsen, the yard's managing director, said: "Everyone at Kvaerner Govan has pulled out all the stops to win this important contract, which will secure the 1,300 permanent jobs at Govan until 1997."

He praised the work of ministers and officials at the Scottish Office and Department of Trade and Industry who helped to win a contract which put the yard at the front of shipbuilding technology.

Sea Launch is a joint collaboration by Boeing, Russia's Energia space company, Yuzhnoye, the Ukranian rocket manufacturer, and Kvaerner, the Norwegian group. While Govan will build the 35,000-tonne transporter ship, a Kvaerner yard in Norway will build the £50 million launchpad.

Catholic employment increases in Ulster

MORE Catholics in Northern Ireland are finding jobs, but they are still more likely than Protestants to be out of work, according to a report published yesterday.

Figures from the Fair Employment Commission's annual report show that by 1994, 37.3 per cent of the working population was Catholic. In 1990, the figure was 34.9 per cent.

The proportion of Catholics in all areas of work has increased, particularly in managerial and professional occupations. Almost a third of all managers (32.2 per cent) and a slightly larger proportion of the professional classes (34.4 per cent) are now Catholics. They were best represented in the clerical jobs (39.3 per cent) and worst in the protective services (22.0 per cent).

Among the unemployed, Catholics are still the hardest hit. Although they make up 40 per cent of the available workforce, they account for half of the unemployed and 60 per cent of the long-term unemployed. Bob Cooper, FEC chairman, said progress had been made but he warned against complacency. He said that for years, efforts to eradicate unacceptable inequalities in employment had to be made in unpromising political and economic conditions.

"This has made the progress to date all the more commendable," he said. "But now, with the prospect of lasting peace and the potential for sustained economic growth, those efforts must be redoubled. There is still much that remains to be done, not just by individual employers, not just by the FEC and not just by Government, but by the concerted efforts of everyone in Northern Ireland who is able to make a contribution to creating a fair and equitable society."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

IG Metall offer on pay condemned

GERMAN employers and workers condemned as unworkable an offer from IG Metall, the engineering union, to accept inflation-linked pay rises in exchange for the creation of jobs. The "Alliance for Jobs" proposal initially met with a guarded welcome across a Germany haunted by the prospect of unemployment reaching four million, with even Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, calling the offer worthy of consideration. But, yesterday, a survey of 814 German works' councils showed 88 per cent believed employers would not create more jobs, while 73 per cent thought the Government would not play its part in the alliance.

IG Metall, considered Germany's most powerful union, seized the initiative on jobs last month with a surprise offer to link its next pay demand to inflation if employers agreed to create more than 300,000 jobs and the Government safeguarded jobs benefits. IG Metall, which represents more than three million engineering workers and came under fire this year for apparently ignoring the plight of the unemployed when pressing for wage rises, has already met with Chancellor Kohl to discuss the proposals.

US shutdown halts data

THE Commerce Department is postponing today's release of estimates of third quarter gross domestic product and November housing starts because of the partial government shutdown. The department also said that if the shutdown continued it could also force the postponement of tomorrow's trade data for October and Thursday's personal income figures for October and November. Government workers at departments without fiscal 1996 appropriations were sent home yesterday and data collection has been halted.

Prudential confident

PRUDENTIAL CORPORATION, Britain's biggest institutional investor, is bullish about the UK equity market in 1996. Chris Cheetham, director of investment strategy for Prudential Portfolio Managers, said the market still offers good long-term value to investors despite strong gains in 1995. The key features of 1996 were likely to be renewed confidence in economic recovery, continued low inflation, stable interest rates and continuing strong corporate cash flow, enabling healthy growth in dividends, he said.

Italian growth contested

ITALY'S economy will grow less quickly in the next two years than the Government has predicted and inflation will be higher than forecast, a report by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said. The report said economic growth should reach 2.7 per cent in 1996 and 2.5 per cent in 1997, with inflation growing at 4.1 and 3.6 per cent over the next two years. The Government had predicted growth of 3 per cent next year and 3.1 per cent in 1997, and inflation at 3.5 per cent in 1996 and 3 per cent in 1997.

Pechiney shares fall

SHARES in Pechiney, the French aluminium and packaging group, fell on their first day of trading on the Paris bourse yesterday. After opening at FFr180, 3.74 per cent down on the issue price to private and institutional investors of FFr187, the shares slipped further to FFr178, a fall of 4.81 per cent. The Government announced the privatisation of Pechiney earlier this year as part of its schedule to raise funds to curb the public deficit. However, demand has been weak amid France's disruptive public sector strikes.

Grounds for complaint

MANY small companies complain that their commercial premises do not fit their needs, according to a survey for the British Chambers of Commerce. Just under half of a sample of 480 companies said that their premises were inadequate. Two in five said this affected their performance, while 32 per cent claimed capacity was being constrained. Richard Brown, BCC deputy director general, said: "For small firms, property can be a critical factor in success ... a company's property has a significant impact on its top and bottom line."

Lloyds TSB go-ahead

LLOYDS BANK and TSB have received High Court approval for a scheme of arrangement to complete their planned £13.6 billion merger. They received approval from their shareholders last month and court approval was required to enable Lloyds effectively to reverse into TSB and to distribute new Lloyds TSB shares to its shareholders. Lloyds said yesterday it is expected that the merger will become effective on December 28 and that dealings in the new Lloyds TSB shares will begin on the same day.

ECC names new chief

DENNIS REDIKER is to be the new chief executive of English China Clays (ECC). He will succeed Andrew Teare, who joins Rank Organisation, the leisure group, as chief executive next April. Mr Teare, who succeeds Michael Gifford at Rank, will remain as an executive director of English China Clays until March 31. Mr Rediker, aged 51, is currently president and chief executive officer of ECC International AmPac, based in Atlanta, Georgia. He will move to Britain in early 1996.

US savings bank deal

MARINE Midland Bank, the US subsidiary of HSBC Holdings, has agreed to acquire the East River Savings Bank branch network and deposits, and selected commercial, residential and consumer loans from River Bank America for $93 million. Marine Midland has agreed to acquire all 11 branches and $1.1 billion in assets and to assume $1.2 billion in deposits. The transaction is subject to regulatory approval from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the New York state banking department.

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British Gas steps up fight on take-or-pay contracts

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

BRITISH GAS geared up its fight against the controversial take-or-pay contracts over which it wrote off £83 million last month, with the appointment yesterday of a chief negotiator to confront the fuel producers.

Kenneth Gardener, once of ICI and currently a director of Charterhouse Bank, begins the tough task of renegotiating the contracts in the new year. The contracts have left British Gas heavily exposed to buying gas at high costs, while the price at which it can sell the fuel on has plunged.

Last month, the company called for state aid to repair the damage meted out by the contracts when it revealed that it had set aside £83 million to cover losses on the contracts in the first nine months of the year. The losses are expected to climb, and as price keenness in gas increases ahead of full competition in the domestic market in 1998, British Gas is anxious to tackle the problem quickly. The company is committed to long-term contracts worth £40 billion.

Mr Gardener, who joins British Gas for an undisclosed sum, said that the challenge was considerable: "The scope of the task is large, as are the interests which have been affected by the contracts, including shareholders and consumers."

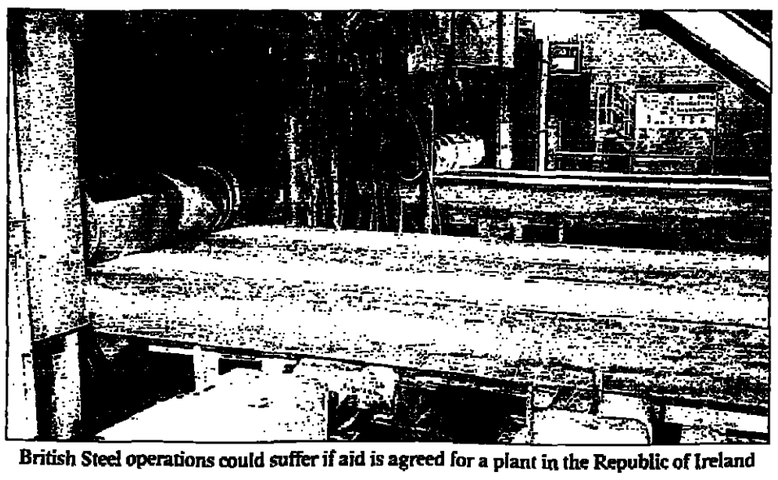
Mr Gardener, 68, led the dissolution of the Dunlop/Pirelli union, the liquidation of Dunlop France and the sale of ICL to Fujitsu — a complex negotiation that took two years to complete.

British Gas has contacted the oil and gas producers involved over renegotiating its contracts but has met resistance so far. The Government has made it clear it does not want to intervene and would prefer to see an industrial settlement to the issue.

Mr Gardener's priority will be to approach the producers again but he intends to follow those moves by holding early talks with Tim Eggar, the Industry Minister, and Clare Spottiswoode, the Gas Regulator.

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Eggar stands ground on Irish Steel



British Steel operations could suffer if aid is agreed for a plant in the Republic of Ireland

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

IRISH politicians returned to Dublin last night after failing to persuade Tim Eggar, the Industry Minister, to back down over Britain's objection to government aid for Irish Steel, which is on the brink of being bought by an Indian company.

Yesterday's visit by the Irish delegation followed protracted negotiations between London and Dublin over the republic's plans to write off loans worth IrE17 million and to pump more than IrE10 million into the company to boost production in a deal agreed with Ispat International, the would-be buyer. Ispat condemned Britain for refusing to move on its veto of the government aid, which requires unanimous EU approval.

Britain's argument is that increased production by Irish Steel's one plant in Cork would jeopardise up to 1,000 jobs in the UK. Four British Steel plants produce the same type of steel, although the most vulnerable would be Shelton in Staffordshire.

Lakshmi Mittal, chairman of Ispat, said the British demands "are designed to bring about the demise of steelmaking in Ireland".

Mr Eggar said that talks would continue.

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.12	2.01
Austria Sch	18.63	15.13
Belgium Fr	48.84	44.34
Canada $	2.219	2.059
Cyprus CypE	0.745	0.690
Denmark Kr	9.22	8.42
Finland Mkk	7.25	6.80
France Fr	8.05	7.40
Germany Dm	2.37	2.16
Greece Dr	387.00	362.00
Hong Kong $	12.55	11.55
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.1900	4.5400
Italy Lira	2556.00	2401.00
Japan Yen	171.00	155.00
Malta	0.582	0.537
Netherlds Gld	2.540	2.410
New Zealand $	2.51	2.23
Norway Kr	10.38	9.58
Portugal Esc	244.00	225.50
S Africa Rd	nil	5.38
Spain Pta	198.00	183.00
Sweden Kr	10.80	10.00
Switzerland Fr	1.92	1.74
Turkey Lira	refer	69188.0
USA $	1.636	1.508

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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☐ Cruickshank's plans for the superhighway ☐ GrandMet's bitter cocktail in the US ☐ Viking raiders repelled at Amec

Oftel dials the right number

☐ TO Oftel, the "unphoned", as the telecoms regulator calls them, are the undead of the communications revolution. Theirs is a netherworld that is technically part of society but technologically detached from it. In the late 1990s, this is the equivalent of living like a hermit.

Some two million homes lack a basic phone service, but they are not the only concern of Don Cruickshank, the head of Oftel. To his mind, the undead include the 30,000 primary, secondary and special schools. Not only are their basic phone costs too high, they lack the connections and the kit to get on to the information superhighway. He has proposed the introduction of a "universal service fund" that would be collected from all phone operators, administered by a neutral party and used to finance the connection of schools to advanced telecoms networks.

The fund, which would also cover service to people in remote areas and to those with hearing difficulties, might raise £100 million a year and would come into effect after 1997. Its cost, as one would expect, would be reflected in consumers' bills. Cruickshank, in effect, wants to launch a special social responsibility tax to pay for the telecoms needs of the country in the early years of the next century.

The idea has an eerily familiar ring. Did British Telecom not strike a deal with Labour to feed high-capacity wires into every school in the land in exchange for lifting its home video broadcasting ban? And didn't BT offer to do so for free? That pact was heavily publicised at the Labour Party conference in October, and, as far as anyone can tell, it still stands, although no one has yet put firm costs on it.

Since any new tax robs buying power, consumers might well support BT's freebie and dismiss Cruickshank's proposal as sour grapes. BT and Labour left him out of their superhighway discussions and, no doubt annoyed, he has come back to steal the spotlight with his own version on how schools should be connected.

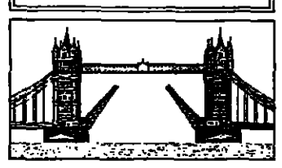
But consumers should also be aware that BT is a clever beast. Like any other corporate entity, BT's social conscience is most in evidence when it is presented with the opportunity to make a few quid. Of course, BT has offered to connect schools for free. But, in doing so, it would latch on to a vast new market and bring in enormous future revenues. In time, those wires will provide everything from the Internet to interactive services, much of it branded with the BT logo. Any up-front costs might be recouped many times over. It is the telecoms equivalent of those clever offers the banks make to students to hook them into their services for life.

All Mr Cruickshank is doing is throwing the school connections game open to competition. Phone companies would vie with each other to provide the service, and the bidder requiring the smallest amount from the universal service fund would win the contract. Put that way, Oftel's proposals make remarkable sense.

Through a glass darkly

☐ IT IS the classic east European nightmare: who has the right to a company bought in good faith from Russian owners half a century ago? Is Grand Metropolitan justified in calling its best-selling vodka Smirnoff, or has it stolen the famous name, as claimed by the Smirnoff family in the American courts?

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For GrandMet, the action is horribly like its own Smirnoff advertising, a glimpse through a bottle of the clear liquid making the drinker see everything in a different and more sinister light. The Smirnoffs, descendants of one Pierre Arseneyvitch Smirnoff, who was the last purveyor of vodka to the court of the Czars, want the family name dropped from GrandMet's bottles and their coat of arms, medals and family history wiped from the label.

In a final swipe, they claim that GrandMet's advertising for Smirnoff is misleading. The family says that in 1980, when Russian scientists at the Soviet Ministry of Food Industry tested the recipe passed down through the family, it was "found to be virtually useless and ... not a basis for producing vodka".

GrandMet says the claim is frivolous. But the history of Smirnoff is obscured by the upheavals of 20th century eastern Europe. The family business, started in 1860, was halted by the Revolution. In 1933, the company was sold by one of the founder's sons. Heublein, now owned by GrandMet, bought it in 1939.

The Smirnoff family insists that the sale was invalid. Sibling rivalry had caused the sale of a company the vendor did not own, because another son was, in fact, sole owner. The Soviets began the legal offensive, winning concessions in a German court in 1985 that obliged Smirnoff to drop, among other things, the Cyrillic lettering on its label. The Smirnoff family then won a decision in a Russian court that GrandMet's trademarks were "completely invalid".

If the family wins, GrandMet will have to drop its Smirnoff label and pay triple punitive damages — this is the US, of course. In the meantime, GrandMet has launched the inevitable counter-claims in Russia. But at this stage, no one is drinking to victory.

Building faith

☐ WHAT a tease those Norwegians are. There we all were, glued to the screens for the result of a bitter if rather short and small-scale takeover battle, and just as the 5pm deadline elapsed those same screens lit up with news from Kvaerner, locked in combat with the builder Amec.

It was only some tosh about launching satellites from the Pacific, of course. It took the Norwegian shipbuilder another 45 minutes to admit, against all expectations, that its £360 million bid had failed. The small shareholders who hold 20 per cent of Amec had, as expected, stayed loyal. But so too had the City institutions, including PDFM with 14 per cent.

Few things are predictable on the stock market, but a sharp plunge in Amec's share price this morning looks like one of them. The shares closed last night, ahead of the announcement, at 93p, against a trading range of 50p to 60p before bid speculation started. Little since then has encouraged much faith in prospects for the building industry — quite the opposite, from both Higgs and Hill and the unholy mess reported by Trafalgar House on Friday.

The Norwegians had made ominous noises about walking away if the bid failed and dumping their shares on the market. But it is hard to see many takers for their 26 per cent stake. The assumption must be, and this probably explains the City's surprising faith in Amec's management, that they will come back whenever they are allowed with a rather better price for the company than the £1 on offer this time around.

Steeling away

BRITISH STEEL produces about 16 million tonnes of the stuff a year. That other giant of the world steel industry, the Haulbowline plant in Co Cork, turns out less than a quarter of a million tonnes. The French and Italian producers have already driven a coach and horses through the EC legislation over state aid. British Steel is in danger of looking rather petty in balking at a more modest Irish pony and trap.

Cadbury's £108m deal to buy back Toronto business

BY SARAH BAGNALL

CADBURY SCHWEPPES, the chocolates and drinks company, has been propelled into the number one slot as Canada's biggest confectionery business after acquiring Neilson Cadbury for £108 million in cash.

As a result of the deal Cadbury Schweppes is regaining ownership of a business that it sold eight years ago.

Cadbury sold its chocolate manufacturing business to George Weston in 1987 and licensed its brands to the Canadian company in return for royalty payments. The price at which Cadbury sold the business, together with the royalty payments, equates to £38.4 million in present day terms.

The purchase of Neilson Cadbury, Canada's leading chocolate bar company, follows Cadbury Schweppes' acquisition in June of Allan Candy, the market leader in the sugar confectionery market.

The latest deal, which is subject to regulatory approval, makes Cadbury Schweppes the biggest confectionery company in Canada with 24 per cent of the market, usurping Warner Lambert, the chewing-gum manufacturer, which previously occupied the number one slot.

Cadbury Schweppes' strategy is to expand in to developing markets, such as Russia, as well as to increase its presence in key mature markets. Canada is the 11th largest confectionery market in the world.

John Sunderland, managing director of Cadbury Schweppes' confectionery business, said: "The acquisition in Canada adds 40,000 tonnes to our global volume and brings market leadership in an important market."

Neilson Cadbury comprises three businesses: George Weston, William Neilson and Cadbury Canada Marketing, which was the licensing vehicle for the Cadbury brands.

The purchase price compares to Neilson Cadbury's net assets of £34 million, valued in December 1994. The company made a pre-tax profit of £4.9 million in 1994 on sales of £109 million.

The Toronto-based company has a strong portfolio of brands that include Caramilk, Crispy Crunch, Mr Big, Crunchie, Wunderbar, Jersey Milk and Choclairs. It employs 850 people.

Cadbury Schweppes said that the acquired business will be managed separately from the existing sugar confectionery business, but that it would be seeking cost savings in logistics, distribution, purchasing, research and development, as well as systems and administration.

A spokesman for the company said that it was too early to tell whether there would be job losses. The sugar confectionery business is based in Hamilton, Ontario, about 50 miles outside Toronto.

The shares rose by ½p to close at 547p.

Federation ends as C&W goes for a different label

BY ERIC REGULY

CABLE and Wireless, in a public relations and marketing reversal, has decided it no longer wants to be known as a "federation" of companies. After the new year, it will call itself a group.

A spokesman said the change is being made because of the confusion surrounding the federation label, which was adopted in an attempt to give a succinct description of a company with operations in 50 countries.

The City and shareholders were never sure whether federation was a strategy, an alliance or an operating approach. Neither, apparently, did Lord Young and James Ross, who were ousted from the company's top two managment positions in November. Analysts said they were never able to define clearly what federation meant.

The spokesman said that abandoning the label will not necessarily lead to a change in strategic direction. C&W's fundamental approach — starting companies around the world then either operating them or selling them once they become established — will stay in place.

Calling C&W a "group" will involve some expense because "federation" was used in much of the company's promotional literature.

Separately, the company announced that Rod Olsen, finance director, has agreed to become acting chief executive. Mr Olsen is a member of the board committee charged with finding a new chief executive. That task is expected to last until the spring.

Installing Mr Olsen, a New Zealander, will require making changes to the articles of association. Under the current articles, the chief executive must be a British citizen if there is no executive chaiman. Lord Young was executive chairman, but the company has decided to eliminate the position and replace him with a non-executive chairman.

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Rod Olsen: new post



ALAN WELLER

Three of a kind: from left, Kunick's Russell Smith, Clive Clague and John Jones have had to contend with poor growth in the gaming machines market

Kunick far from amused

FRUIT machines paid out modest winnings for Kunick, the gaming machine group, which is tackling sliding activity in machines operating in pubs by separating its businesses (Christine Buckley writes).

In Britain, Kunick joined the chorus of complaints against the National Lottery and claimed that its scratchcards had exacerbated the decline in the UK pub market demand for amusements, which has shown little growth over the past year.

In France, where the Yorkshire company has another strong presence in gaming machines, business was hit threefold. Kunick had to contend with poor consumer spending, the operation of illegal gaming machines and the low appeal of pinball machines, which the company distributes.

Kunick warned it saw little sign of recovery in the French market, but the specialisation of its businesses in the UK has enabled Kunick to crank up its market share and bolster the market leader position it enjoys with more than 10 per cent of the market. The figure is more than 40 per cent if managed pubs are included.

The company has three main arms for its one-armed bandit operations in the UK - MHG Services supplies customers with a number of managed outlets, Bell Fruit Services concentrates on independent pubs and clubs and Three Service Automatics mainly supplies military establishments.

Kunick is hopeful of a better return from its machines in the UK in the coming year after the relaxation of the gaming rules which has raised the cash payouts possible on machines.

In the year to September 30, Kunick raised pre-tax profits to £12.2 million from £9 million. However, this figure was flattered by a £3.9 million gain made when the company sold half of its French care homes business in January. It is now continuing that business as part of a joint venture. Discounting exceptional items for both this and the previous year, pre-tax profits climbed 16 per cent from £7.1 million to £8.3 million.

The final dividend, payable March 13, was put at 0.35p, lifting the total by 20 per cent from the previous year to 0.6p.

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Hard-hit Gus Carter denies takeover talks

BY MARTIN BARROW

GUS CARTER, the bookmaking company based in the North East, has moved swiftly to deny that it is in talks which could lead to a takeover bid by Stanley Leisure, its fellow betting group.

Talks have taken place between the companies but no firm offer has been made to the board of Gus Carter, the company said yesterday.

Gus Carter shares were placed on the stock market at 80p a share in May. Yesterday the shares rose 3p to 58p.

The statement was aimed at ending rumours that Gus Carter, one of this year's least successful flotations, was set to be taken over as part of the consolidation now under way in the industry.

Competition from the National Lottery has been blamed for a slump in business across the betting industry, from which Gus Carter has not escaped. In October, the company said that trading continued to disappoint, particularly as a result of the launch of the lottery scratchcard, and profits were lower, year-on-year.

T&L expands in Canada

TATE & LYLE, the British sugar producer, is investing C$35 million (£16.5 million) to expand production at the Toronto refinery of Redpath Sugars, a subsidiary, increasing capacity 75 per cent. This comes after a ruling by the Canadian International Trade Tribunal on dumping of sugar in Canada.

Andrew Ferrier, president of Redpath, said: "We are very pleased by the ruling and this investment demonstrates our commitment to customers and our long-term confidence in our business."

American Brands nets Cobra Golf

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

AMERICAN BRANDS has acquired Cobra Golf, the US manufacturer of golf equipment, for $700 million, with a view to merging the business with its own Titleist and Foot Joy brands.

Debt-free Cobra had sales of $124 million in 1994. Thomas Hays, chairman of American Brands, said that the Cobra acquisition will add to its earnings in 1997. There would be no dilution in earnings in 1996, he said.

The boards of directors of both companies have unanimously approved the transaction. A cash tender offer by American Brands is expected to start no later than December 22 for all of Cobra's outstanding common shares at $36 each, followed by a cash merger at the same price.

Mr Hays also said American Brands is on track towards achieving better 1994 operating results. "We are on target to achieve our projections, that earnings per share for the year will be up more than 17 per cent on an ongoing basis from 1994."

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Uncertainty strikes on both sides of Atlantic

SHARE prices on both sides of the Atlantic blew a fuse as the deadlock over the Federal budget came back to haunt investors in the run-up to Christmas.

The news that President Clinton was meeting Republican congressional leaders, in an attempt to find a solution to the budget impasse, provided the signal for a sharp opening fall on Wall Street, where trading had already been delayed an hour because of a computer breakdown.

At one stage, as the Dow Jones average plunged almost 90 points, traders must have thought they were witnessing a rerun of the Black Monday crash in 1987. The situation was aggravated by heavy trading on Friday that greeted the triple witching hour and the expiry of the cash futures and options.

The FT-SE 100 index, which had drifted in thin trading for much of the day, suddenly found itself nursing a fall of 50 points before closing 46.5 down at 3,596.1.

Today all eyes will be focused on the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting with brokers worried that the continued deadlock over the budget will undermine any possibility of a cut in US rates. Brokers in London see a cut as essential if their market is to make further headway.

Philip Isherwood, equity market strategist at Kleinwort Benson, the broker, is not too perturbed by yesterday's sharp fall.

He says: "There are two pieces of uncertainty, the Budget and interest rates. The market doesn't like uncertainty and is going down between the two of them. The market would like one of the uncertainties clarified."

Despite the sharp falls in London, business remained low key, with only 622 million shares changing hands by the close.

Worst hit were the international companies with strong dollar-related interests. **BOC Group** fell 10p to 896p, **Courtaulds** 12p to 380p, **RMC Group** 21p to 983p, **SmithKline Beecham 'A'** 18½p to 671p, and **Thorn EMI** 21p to £15.61p.

Airtours, Britain's biggest package tour operator, stood out in a falling market with a rise of 13p to 365p. A total of 722,000 shares were traded in a thin market, where traders will normally make a price in 10,000 at a time. Much of the buying was speculative amid vague whispers that a possible takeover of the company may be on the way.



Gloom from Raine the builders saw its shares static

Later today, First Choice, the Airtours rival, unveils full-year figures. Only last month it issued a profits warning, forecasting that pre-tax profits were set to tumble from £16 million to just £1 million. The shares marked time at 64p.

Evidence that business on the high street has picked up in the week prior to Christmas was good news for **Next**, up 17p at 468p. **Dixons**, 13p to 418p, and **W H Smith**, 7p to 424p.

Cadbury Schweppes, often mentioned as a potential takeover target, has hit the acquisition trail itself. It is paying Canada's George Weston £108 million for its Neilson Cadbury subsidiary. Through Neilson Cadbury it will now introduce its global brands to Canada. **Cadbury Schweppes** ended up ½p at 547p.

Another takeover favourite **Royal Bank of Scotland**, dropped 23p to 585p, after going ex-dividend and announcing it was merging its New England retailing arm with that of the Bank of Ireland. The merger of BoI First Holdings and Citizens Financial will create a new company valued at $1.85 billion, with assets of $14 billion and more than 220 branches.

There has been intense speculation in recent weeks that RBoS was about to be bid for. Last week its name was being linked with that of **HSBC**, down 18p at 980p. James Capel, the broker, remains unimpressed and has been telling clients to switch into **Barclays**, down 14p at 756p.

RTZ lost an early lead to finish 2p easier on the day after reports that its proposed merger with CRA, its 49 per cent owned associate, may be blocked by the Australian authorities. Apparently, the Canberra Government is demanding certain conditions are met before the £14 billion merger can be given the green light. One of these is expected to include the demand that at least one-third of the board should be Australian.

Still no joy for the housing sector, with **Raine** warning that sales during the first half would be down by around 25 per cent. Roy Barber, chairman, said prospects for 1996-97 are not encouraging. The shares marked time at 14p.

Another company moaning about the impact of scratch cards is **Kunick**, the amusement machines and nursing homes group, which ended the session 1p lower at 23½p. The group said that a combination of hot summer weather and the scratch cards had resulted in an unbalanced competitive environment.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** Last week's strong performance petered out, reflecting weaker performances on overseas bond markets. Prices opened lower and drifted gently throughout the day before falling sharply during the last hour of business as US Treasury bonds came under fresh selling pressure.

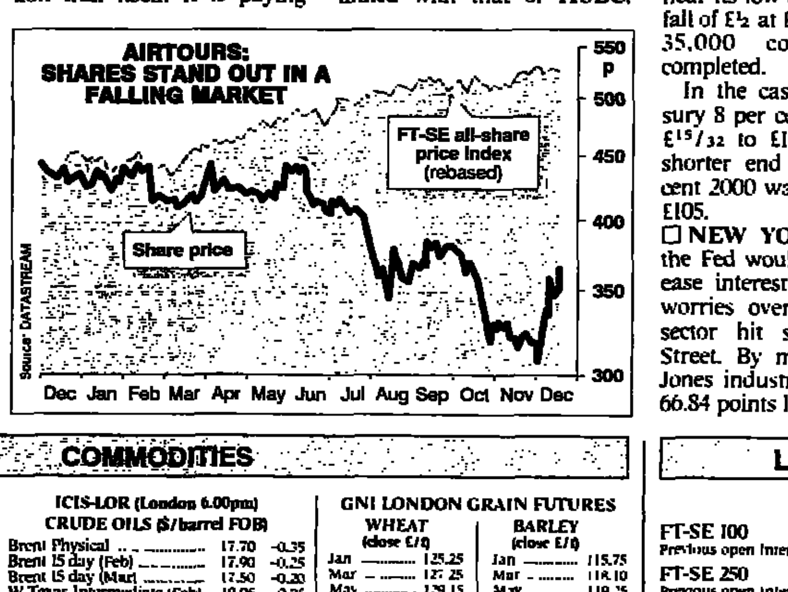
The Public Sector Borrowing Requirement was higher than expected but did not generate any fresh weight of sellers. Most investors are now awaiting the outcome of the FOMC meeting.

In the futures pit, the March series of the Long Gilt closed near its low of the day with a fall of £½ at £110⅜ as a total of 35,000 contracts were completed.

In the cash market, Treasury 8 per cent 2009 also fell £$^{15}/_{32}$ to £103, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £$^{5}/_{16}$ down at £105.

□ **NEW YORK:** Fears that the Fed would not be able to ease interest rates soon and worries over the technology sector hit shares on Wall Street. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 66.84 points lower at 5,109.89.

BAA, which operates Heathrow and Gatwick airports, rose 8½p to 475p after a buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker. It says the shares look cheap and are trading at a 20 per cent discount to the net asset value. It is urging clients to switch out of British Airways, down 3½p at 467p.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	5109.89 (-66.84)
S&P Composite	609.66 (-6.68)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	19311.08 (-35.47)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	9806.58 (-52.07)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	474.25 (-2.84)
Sydney:	
AO	2207.10 (-13.7)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2266.19 (-18.58)
Singapore:	
Straits	2200.54 (-2.57)
Brussels:	
General	8327.58 (+28.56)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1820.47 (-38.78)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	702.70 (-8.00)
London:	
FT 30	2605.1 (-28.2)
FT 100	3596.1 (-46.5)
FT-SE Mid 250	3954.0 (-5.8)
FT-SE-A 350	1787.7 (-18.7)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1465.72 (-9.42)
FT A All-Share	1762.82 (-17.52)
FT Non Financials	1859.52 (-13.77)
FT Fixed Interest	114.96 (-0.05)
FT Govt Secs	95.93 (-0.17)
Bargains	27429
SEAQ Volume	659.8m
USM (Datastrm)	189.20 (-0.90)
US$	1.5385 (-0.0008)
German Mark	2.2031 (-0.0178)
Exchange Index	82.5 (-0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1778
£:SDR	1.0381
RPI	149.8 Nov (3.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	149.8 Nov (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust Hi Inc C (100)	96½	...
Arion Props	9	...
BZW Equities (306)	296	...
Benfield & Rea	103	...
CMG (290)	330	...
Cash Converters Intl	24	...
Com de Part Fin	510	...
Cortworth (150)	151	...
Cox Insurance	110	...
Dmatek	87	+ 2
East Surrey NV	448	...
Fins Tech Trust (100)	101	- 1
Gardner (L)	134	+ 1
Geared Income C	98	...
Gearhouse Gp (200)	203	...
Jasmin	83	...
London Town	80	...
Manx & O'seas	27	+ 2
Martin Curr Jp	97	- 1
Martin Curr Jpn Wts	35	- 1
National Grid (204)	200	- 3
Peptide Thrptcs (200)	231	- 3
Pet City	367	+ 2
Revelation Plcc	100	...
Trocadero	47	+ 1
Viewinn	135	...
Wilmington	67	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Dnloe Hse n/p (Ir10p)	1½	- ½
Melrose n/p (34)	7	- 1½
Roxspur n/p (3)	¼	...
TBI n/p (50)	3	...
The TV Crp n/p (97)	5	- 1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Woodside	343p (+19p)
Photobition	325p (+15p)
Next	468p (+17p)
Airtours	365p (+13p)

FALLS:

Bank Scotland	284½p (-22p)
MAID	232p (-16p)
Scoba	558p (-31p)
Telspec	842p (-44p)
Reuters	574p (-21p)
HTV Group	292p (-10p)
Regent Inns	664p (-21p)

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TEMPUS

Ringing up Baby

IN 1984, the American government dismembered what was probably the most successful utility monopoly in the world by forcing AT&T to divest itself of 27 local telephone companies. Thus, the seven Baby Bells, which were scarcely diminutive, were created, and while remaining monopoly suppliers in their regional fiefdoms, proceeded to raise charges to local customers who once enjoyed free calls. Meanwhile, long distance traffic was carved up among three giants: AT&T, MCI and Sprint.

Today, the American Congress is contemplating an about-turn which would permit the Baby Bells to compete on long-distance traffic while allowing the likes of AT&T to enter the local call market. This development is believed to have spurred Bell Atlantic and Nynex into merger talks, raising the prospect of a mega-phone company servicing New York and Washington DC and thereby controlling a third of long-distance traffic.

This is not just another humdrum American battle between supporters of local and national interests. The regulatory change could have international consequences. Cable and Wireless is keen to expand its relatively weak American base by linking up with a Baby Bell. C&W's patchwork quilt of investments causes it problems but it is a rare bird in the telecoms world by possessing a genuinely international franchise.

Once the Baby Bells go national, they will certainly want to grab a share of the international market and they will need a partner to enable them to compete. Moreover, a merged Atlantic Bell and Nynex would not find C&W too big a mouthful to swallow.

Kunick

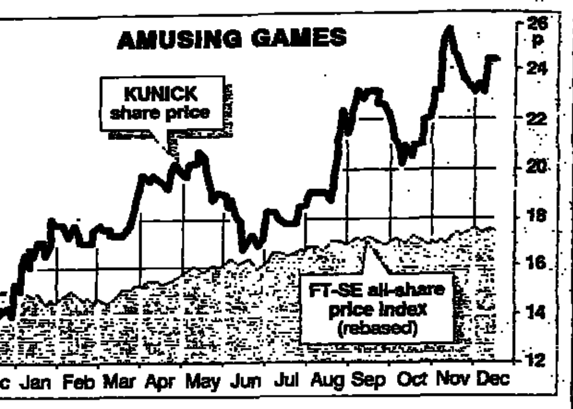
THE French are unhappy and the British are glum: too sober, it seems, even while partaking of a pint or two in a pub, to sink a few bob in a fruit machine.

Kunick, the gaming machine group with investments on both sides of the Channel, has joined a myriad of leisure groups in levelling accusations against the National Lottery. Kunick is battling against sloth in the amusement market at home and a handful of other problems in France. Yesterday, it joined the anti-lottery brigade and accused the popular scratchcards of treading on its patch.

Kunick has not, however, been caught on the hop. A few years ago, it began streamlining its businesses at home to suit a contracting market. Specialisation has become central to the company's plans, and with three separate gaming machine divisions, it has been able to consolidate its position as market leader.

The 50 per cent sale of its interest in French care homes — a prelude to a complete disposal — will further focus the business; as will the recent acquisition of Relaxion, a company that manages local authority leisure facilities.

Kunick can also look forward to bigger payouts from gaming. The Government's relaxation of the gaming laws to allow greater cash payouts on machines should entice some punters away from their obsession with scratchcards.



British Gas

BRITISH GAS evidently regards take-or-pay contracts as a thornier problem than directors' service contracts. While the latter could be easily agreed over a boardroom lunch, thrashing out a deal with some irate oil companies could be a more delicate matter. BG has decided to hire outside help.

When BG's negotiator walks into the smoke-filled room, he will be brandishing a carrot and a stick. There is still no sign that big oil is prepared to bear the cost of the collapse in the gas price caused by the Government's decision to open up the gas market. However, there are already signs of division in the ranks with the Americans showing more resistance than their British counterparts, and BG will attempt to bring companies like Shell to the table with the promise of a favourable deal: the early bird catches the worm.

BG also has a potential weapon. It will soon hive down its gas supply contracts into a special trading subsidiary. Curiously, the legislation does not require that the company be supported with a guarantee from its parent. Doubtless, BG will provide it with enough capital to pass the DTI's health check but longer term, who can tell how committed it will remain to a business that is shrinking by the day. The victims in this scenario could be smaller foreign oil companies who contracted in good faith and are now being bludgeoned by a desperate BG and its cynical sponsor: the British Government.

Chiroscience

CHIROSCIENCE has been priming the market with the promise of news and dribbling it out at regular intervals. A development agreement with Pharmacia sent the shares soaring earlier this year, followed by approval in Spain for a new version of a painkiller. The shares have climbed 250 per cent this year but the market worth of the company is still founded on goodwill.

Yesterday's deal with Medeva was interesting, not for the news but because it caused Chiroscience shares to fall. The agreement involves collaboration on a new product, with Medeva taking the lion's share of both cost and profit.

The market finds the trail of news from biotech companies tantalising but ultimately unsatisfying. Chiroscience's strategy of undertaking work for larger companies is sensible — since it lowers risk — but so far has delivered little to enable shareholders to value the company more accurately. Biotech shares have reached such heights this year that their directors may be tempted to raise cash from the issue of new stock and investors should beware.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	887-875	Mar	1001-1000
Mar	917-916	May	1014-1012
May	936-935	Jul	unq
Jul	956-955	Sep	—
Sep	973-972		
Dec	988-987		Volume: 6788

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2150-2147	Sep	1682-1680
Mar	1851-1850	Nov	1670-1660
May	1749-1748	Jan	1660-1635
Jul	1698-1695		Volume: 5235

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	303.2-302.6
Spot: 377.0		Dec	298.7-98.5
Mar	348.9-48.7	Mar	299.7-98.0
May	338.5-38.2	May	299.0-97.0
Aug	330.0-29.2		Volume: 1948

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	118.32	118.53	119.18
(+/-)	+12.46	-0.43	+1.76
Eng/Wales:	118.32	119.15	119.53
(+/-)	+12.46	-0.20	+1.59
(%)	+24.0	-16.0	-36.0
Scotland:	unq	115.62	117.13
(+/-)		-0.35	+3.39
(%)		+35.0	-22.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.70	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Feb)	17.90	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Mar)	17.50	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	19.05	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	18.65	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 175 (+1)	O: 177 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	176 (n/c)	178 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jan	175 (n/c)	176 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Feb	171 (+1)	173 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	100 (n/c)	102 (n/c)
Naphtha	160 (+1)	162 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jan	170.25-70.50	Apr	159.00-59.25
Feb	166.75-67.00	May	156.75-57.00
Mar	162.75-63.00		Vol: 10108

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	17.88-17.89	May	16.94-17.00
Mar	17.50-17.51	Jun	16.62 SLR
Apr	17.18-17.22		Vol: 18064

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	125.25	Jan	115.75
Mar	127.25	Mar	118.10
May	129.15	May	119.25
Jul	131.25	Sep	109.00
Sep	113.00	Nov	111.00
Volume: 547		Volume: 53	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Mar	unq	270.0
Apr	250.0	251.0
May	unq	280.0
		Volume: 24

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Jan 109.75-110.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Dec 95	1635	1635	1638
Jan 96	1572	1561	1565
Feb 96	1535	1515	1515
Apr 96	1515	1495	1500

Vol: 367 lots Open interest: 3806
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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2910.0-2915.0	2720.0-2722.0	326900
Lead ($/tonne)	700.00-701.00	701.50-702.50	241475
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1013.0-1014.0	1038.0-1039.0	490700
Tin ($/tonne)	6250.0-6251.0	6250.0-6255.0	14780
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1647.0-1648.0	1681.5-1682.0	1770600
Nickel ($/tonne)	8110.0-8111.0	8245.0-8250.0	61266

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	500	25	41	48½	3	11	18
(*520½)	550	2½	16	23	32	36½	44½
Argyll	300	13½	24	29	4	10½	16½
(*309)	330	1½	10½	14½	22½	27	33½
ASDA	100	7½	10½	14½	2½	6	7
(*104½)	110	2½	6½	10	7½	11	12
Boots	550	28½	44½	52½	3½	10	18½
(*578)	600	4	17½	26	29½	35	43½
Br Airways	460	16	30½	38½	7½	14½	22
(*467)	500	2	12½	19½	34	37½	44
BP	500	30	39½	46½	2½	9	13½
(*525)	550	3	13	21	27	33	38
Br Steel	140	11½	16½	19	1	4	8
(*150)	160	1	6½	8½	11	13½	19
C & W	420	29	43½	51½	5	12	18½
(*443)	460	8	22½	31½	22½	30½	37
CU	600	25	40	48½	9	27	32
(*614)	650	4½	17	26	38½	58½	62
ICI	700	39½	51½	61½	4	21½	26½
(*731½)	750	10½	24	36	25	48	52½
Kingfishr.	500	31½	46½	51	3½	14½	23
(*525½)	550	5½	20	26	28	41	49½
Land Sec.	550	48	59½	65	0½	3½	11
(*595)	600	9	34½	31	12	19	32
M & S	420	22½	34½	40	2½	7	13
(*439)	460	3	13	19	22½	27	33
Nat West	600	36	45½	57½	4	22	29
(*628)	650	8½	19½	33	26½	50	56
Sainsbury	360	15	25	30½	4½	10	16½
(*368½)	390	2	11	16	22½	26	32½
Shell	800	46	60½	65	1½	12½	16
(*841½)	850	10	27	35	16½	33½	38½
Smkl Bch	650	31	46½	60	5½	17	23½
(*671)	700	7	21½	35	31½	42½	49
Storehse	330	17	26½	34	4½	10	15
(*340)	360	3	12	19	22	26	30½
Trafalgar	20	5	7½	8½	0½	2½	3½
(*23½)	25	2½	5½	6½	2½	5	6
Unilever	1300	35	60½	75½	10	31	40½
(*1321)	1350	10	32½	49½	35½	57	66
Zeneca	1200	58½	91	113	15½	40	54½
(*1241)	1250	29	63	85½	35	67½	78

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met.	420	29	38	48	6	14	20½
(*445)	460	8½	19	28½	30½	35½	41½
Ladbroke	140	19	23½	27½	5	9½	11½
(*153)	160	9	14	18	14	20½	22
Utd Bisc	240	21	25	28½	5½	10½	13½
(*253)	260	10	15	18½	14	21½	24

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	20½	33	41	4	10	16½
(*474½)	500	2½	12½	20½	26½	31	36
Thames W	550	31	40	47	8½	17	31½
(*569½)	600	3½	18½	25	41	45½	61

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	500	55½	60	65½	3	12	19
(*546½)	550	21½	28½	37½	19	33½	42
BTR	300	22	25	30	2½	8½	11
(*316)	330	6	9	15½	16½	25	27
Br Aero	750	40	54½	73½	21½	36	44½
(*759)	800	18½	32½	50	50½	64	71½
Br Telcm	330	16½	24	30½	8½	11	18½
(*342)	360	5	10½	16½	26½	29½	36
Cadbury	500	58	62½	71	4½	14½	19
(*547)	550	26½	32½	43½	21	35	40½
Guinness	420	43½	49½	53½	3	8½	11½
(*457)	460	15½	24	30	13½	25	29
GEC	300	23	29½	34½	3	6	10½
(*316½)	330	6½	13	17½	17	19½	25
Hanson	180	9	11	13½	5	6½	9
(*184½)	191	3½	—	—	11½	—	—
LASMO	160	19	22	27½	2	5½	7
(*175)	180	7	11	16½	9½	13	16
Lucas	160	18½	22½	25½	1½	4½	6
(*174½)	180	6½	11	14½	9½	13	14½
Pilkingtn	191	18	24	27½	3	5	8½
(*204)	210	7	13	17	12	13	17½
Prudential	390	39	45	49½	7	13	17
(*419½)	420	20½	24½	33	15½	26	30½
Redland	360	26½	36	39½	6½	15	18
(*376)	390	11	19½	24	21	31	34
R-Royce	160	17½	20	24	2	5½	7
(*174)	180	6	9½	14	10½	15	16½
Tesco	290	20½	25	29½	5	10	12½
(*293)	300	9	14	18½	13½	20	22½
Vodafone	200	17	23	27	6	8½	11
(*208½)	220	7½	13	18	16½	19	21
Williams	300	25	30½	32½	2	7	9
(*320)	330	7	12½	15½	14	22	24

FT-SE INDEX (*3596)

	3450	3500	3550	3600	3650	3700
Calls						
Jan	146	101½	65	40	20	9½
Feb	160½	129	95	66	42½	25½
Mar	185½	147½	119½	85½	61	42½
Apr	199	157½	126½	101	77	57½
Jun	—	193½	—	135½	—	87
Puts						
Jan	12	21	36	61	93½	134½
Feb	24½	36½	53½	74½	103½	140
Mar	34	52½	71	92½	119	153½
Apr	57	75	93	117½	144½	177
Jun	—	107½	—	143½	—	195

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	600	19	43	52	1	23½	33½
(*618½)	650	0	18	29	31½	53	62
Amstrad	230	2½	15½	23	2	12½	15½
(*220)	240	0	8	15	20	25	27
Barclays	750	9	37½	49	3½	31	40½
(*756)	800	0	17	27½	44	63½	71
Blue Circ	300	26	34½	39	0	4½	11
(*324)	330	1	16	21	5½	16	25
Br Gas	220	10	20	23½	0½	6½	11½
(*229½)	240	0½	10	14	11	16½	22
Dixons	390	27	41	51	0	9½	13½
(*417)	420	3	23½	34	5	20½	26½
Forte	330	4½	18½	21½	1½	9½	17½
(*333)	360	0	6	8	27	29	30½
Tarmac	100	5	10½	13½	0½	5	8
(*104½)	110	0½	6	8½	6	10	13½
Hillsdwn	140	19½	22½	24	0	1	4½
(*159½)	160	1	8½	10½	1½	7½	11½
Lonrho	160	14	18	22	0½	3	5½
(*174)	180	0½	7	11½	6	12½	15
Sears	100	1	6½	8	1	4	6½
(*107½)	110	0	2½	4	9½	10½	12½
Thrn Emi	1500	59½	99½	135½	0½	29½	40½
(*1557½)	1600	1	48	82	44	78½	88
Tomkins	260	12½	19½	26	0	7½	10
(*272)	280	1	9½	15½	8½	17½	20
TSB	390	6½	12	20	1½	24	25½
(*395½)	420	0	2	7½	24½	42	45

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo Well	850	42	62	76	8	26	34½
(*883)	900	13	34½	50½	27½	51	59½
HSBC	950	46	73½	87	12	40½	50
(*980½)	1000	19½	47	61½	34	67	75½
Reuter	550	32	47½	58½	5½	18½	23½
(*575)	600	6½	22	34	30	43½	49

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Royal Ins	360	18½	30	37½	5½	21	26
(*370½)	390	5½	16½	24½	22	39	43½

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	260	7	4½	10½	0½	0½	0½
(*264)	280	0½	0	0½	16	16	16

Series		Calls Feb	May		Puts Feb	May	
Eastern Gp	950	26½	36	—	0½	0½	—
(*972½)	1000	0½	0½	—	33	33	—

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	420	7½	21	35½	1½	10½	21
(*426½)	460	0	9½	17	34½	35½	44½
Scot Pwr	330	29	33½	40	0	4½	6½
(*359)	360	2½	15	21½	3	16	16½

December 18, 1995 Tot:44404 Call:12243 Put:32161 FT-SE Call:6745 Put:10535
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 96	3658.0	3664.0	3592.0	3597.0	13283
Previous open interest: 64847	Jun 96				3598.0	0
FT-SE 250	Mar 96				3980.0	0
Previous open interest: 3315	Jun 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.49	93.49	93.47	93.47	6464
Previous open interest: 402434	Mar 96	93.83	93.83	93.80	93.81	6964
	Jun 96	94.02	94.02	93.96	93.98	5803
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.19	0
Previous open interest: 110	Mar 96				94.59	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	96.12	96.12	96.10	96.13	8306
Previous open interest: 1029466	Mar 96	96.42	96.42	96.34	96.35	43419
Long Gilt	Dec 95	111-08	111-08	110-26	110-24	1267
Previous open interest: 149292	Mar 96	110-24	110-30	110-06	110-12	40772
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 96	121.75	121.77	121.61	121.77	1180
	Jun 96				120.31	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 96	99.20	99.30	98.66	98.79	65121
Previous open interest: 215799	Jun 96	98.55	98.55	98.17	98.15	197
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.75	94.76	94.75	94.75	600
Previous open interest: 20564	Mar 96	94.98	94.98	94.92	94.93	1906
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	98.12	98.14	98.09	98.09	3657
Previous open interest: 53417	Mar 96	98.30	98.30	98.21	98.23	3630
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 96	106.46	106.46	105.71	105.94	19761
Previous open interest: 51607	Jun 96	106.00	106.00	106.00	105.54	34

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6½: Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 6¼ Week fixed: 6⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅛; 3 mth 6⅛. Sell: 2 mth 6⅛; 3 mth 6⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Overnight: open 6½ close 6¼					
Local Authority Deps:	6¼	n/a	6½	6½	6½
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.83	n/a	5.68	5.55	5.50
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	5½-5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2-1
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $386.60-386.80 Close: $387.00-387.50 High: $387.50-388.00
Low: $386.10-386.60 AM: $387.00 PM: $387.20

Krugerrand: $387.00-390.00 (£251.50-253.50)

Platinum: $407.90 (£265.30) **Silver:** $5.18 (£3.365) **Palladium:** $131.50 (£85.55)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Dec 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4673-2.4821	2.4673-2.4705	[illegible]pr	1½-1⅛pr
Brussels	45.22-45.50	45.22-45.32	0.13-0.10pr	0.32-0.27pr
Copenhagen	8.5290-8.5940	8.5290-8.5510	1½-1pr	[illegible]pr
Dublin	0.9662-0.9687	0.9662-0.9687	11-8pr	26-21pr
Frankfurt	2.2013-2.2166	2.2013-2.2044	[illegible]pr	1½-1¼pr
Lisbon	230.94-232.60	230.94-231.56	0.38-0.65ds	1.12-1.56ds
Madrid	187.62-188.70	187.62-187.90	0.44-0.54ds	1.26-1.43ds
Milan	2447.6-2458.8	2454.8-2458.8	0.08-0.09ds	0.24-0.26ds
Montreal	2.1078-2.1212	2.1182-2.1212	0.14-0.04pr	0.25-0.11pr
New York	1.5368-1.5404	1.5394-1.5404	0.10-0.08pr	0.27-0.24pr
Oslo	9.7320-9.7680	9.7320-9.7470	1-½pr	3¼-2½pr
Paris	7.5840-7.6250	7.5840-7.5980	1-½pr	2½-2pr
Stockholm	10.131-10.184	10.151-10.174	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	156.23-156.86	156.43-156.69	1-½pr	2½-2½pr
Vienna	15.526-15.598	15.526-15.552	[illegible]pr	1-½pr
Zurich	1.7659-1.7861	1.7659-1.7687	[illegible]pr	2-1½pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr Discount - ds

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3477-1.3486
Austria	10.09-10.10
Belgium (Com)	29.50-29.52
Canada	1.3728-1.3733
Denmark	5.5590-5.5620
France	4.9405-4.9420
Germany	1.4343-1.4349
Hong Kong	7.7342-7.7352
Ireland	1.5895-1.5915
Italy	1594.50-1595.00
Japan	101.65-101.75
Malaysia	2.5435-2.5445
Netherlands	1.6075-1.6080
Norway	6.3508-6.3583
Portugal	150.66-150.76
Singapore	1.4148-1.4158
Spain	122.32-122.44
Sweden	6.6085-6.6160
Switzerland	1.1535-1.1545

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5385-1.5411
Australia dollar	2.0716-2.0736
Bahrain dinar	0.5735-0.5855
Brazil real*	1.4928-1.4969
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7000-0.7100
Finland markka	6.5950-6.7110
Greece drachma	362.50-369.50
Hong Kong dollar	11.8882-11.8936
India rupee	53.28-54.24
Indonesia rupiah	3484.00-3552.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4555-0.4655
Malaysia ringgit	3.9096-3.9124
New Zealand dollar	2.3510-2.3560
Pakistan rupee	52.57 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5400-5.6040
Singapore dollar	2.1745-2.1775
S Africa rand (com)	5.5900-5.6920
U A E dirham	5.5850-5.7090

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	607	Legal & Gn	2,700
ASDA Gp	4,700	Lloyds Bk	3,100
Abbey Ntl	3,600	Marks Spr	2,600
Allied Dom	3,400	NatWst Bk	5,600
Argos	790	Nat Grid	8,100
Argyll Gp	2,800	Nat Power	2,400
AB Foods	1,500	NW Water	1,100
BAA	2,200	P & O	3,100
BAT Inds	2,300	Pearson	1,700
BOC	360	Pilkington	3,400
BP	6,300	PowerGen	4,700
BSkyB	1,500	Prudential	1,500
BTR	3,400	REXAM	1,100
BT	10,000	RMC	375
Bk of Scot	4,500	RTZ	1,400
Barclays	7,500	Rank Org	1,400
Bass	3,800	Reckitt Col	2,100
Blue Circle	3,100	Redland	3,400
Boots	2,700	Reed Intl	1,300
BAe	1,000	Rentokil	518
BA	1,000	Reuters	2,900
Brit Gas	8,500	Rolls Royce	3,800
Brit Steel	6,900	Royal Ins	1,800
Burmah Cstl	470	Ryl Bk Scot	4,100
Burton	1,000	Sainsbury	2,600
Cable Wire	3,300	Schroders	52
Cadbury	2,100	Scot & New	2,200
Carlton Cms	1,500	Scot Power	873
Cm Union	795	Svrn Trent	1,100
Cookson	1,300	Shell Trans	6,500
Courtaulds	991	Siebe	533
Enterpr Oil	5,000	SmKl Bch	4,200
For & Col IT	1,500	Smith Nph	1,500
Forte	2,100	Smiths Inds	1,000
GKN	744	Sthern Elec	598
GRE	291	Std Chartd	3,100
GUS	2,700	Sun Allnce	581
Gen Acc	218	TI Gp	775
Gen Elec	2,400	TSB	1,900
Glaxo Well	2,600	Tate & Lyle	664
Granada	1,300	Tesco	3,500
Grand Met	1,900	Thames W	644
Guinness	1,400	Thrn EMI	794
HSBC	1,900	Tomkins	1,800
Hanson	4,900	Unilever	1,500
ICI	2,300	Vodafone	8,900
Kingfisher	3,600	Whitbread	1,300
LASMO	3,700	Wlms Hld	1,900
Ladbroke	4,500	Wolseley	2,100
Land Secs	634	Zeneca	2,200

WALL STREET

	Dec 18 midday	Dec 15 close
AMP Inc	37	38½
AMR Corp	74½	75½
AT & T	67½	68½
Abbott Labs	41½	41½
Advanced Micro	16½	18½
Aetna Life	71	71½
Ahmanson (HF)	26½	26½
Air Prod & Chem	54	54½
AirTouch Comm	27	26½
Alberto-Culver B	36	36½
Albertson's	33½	33½
Alcan Aluminm	31½	31½
Alco Standard	46½	47
Allied Signal	48½	48½
Alum Co of Am	53½	54½
Amax Gold Inc	7½	7½
Amerada Hess	50½	50½
Amer Brands	45½	46½
Amer El Power	39½	39½
Amer Express	41½	41½
Amer Genl Corp	34	34
Amer Home Pr	96½	98½
Amer Intl	93½	94½
Amer Stores	26½	26½
Amer Standard	30½	31½
Ameritech	59½	58½
Amoco	69½	70½
Anheuser-Busch	66½	67
Apple Computer	32½	35½
Archer Daniels	17½	17½
Armco	5½	5½
Armstrng Wrld	62½	63½
Asarco	31½	31½
Ashland Oil	35½	35½
Atl Richfield	111½	112½
Auto Data Pro	73	73½
Avery Dennison	48	48½
Avon Products	76½	77½
Baker Hughes	24½	23½
Baltim Gas & El	27½	27½
Banc One	37½	38
BankAmerica	63½	63½
Bank of NY	47½	48
Bankers Tr NY	67½	68½
Barnett Banks	57½	58½
Bausch & Lomb	40½	40½
Baxter Intl	41½	41½
Bectn Dickinsn	73½	74½
Bell Atlantic	66½	68½
Bell Industries	21½	21½
BellSouth	43	42½
Black & Decker	34½	35
Block (H&R)	41½	42½
Boeing	74½	75½
Boise Cascade	31½	33
Bristol Myrs Sq	85½	86½
Browning Ferris	29	28½
Brunswick	21½	22
Burlington Nthn	76½	76½
CNA Financial	115½	115½
CPC Intl	72½	73½
CSX	86½	87½
Campbell Soup	60½	61½
Can Pacific	17½	18
Cptl Cities ABC	124½	124½
Carolina Pwr	33½	33½
Caterpillar	59½	59½
Central & SW	27½	27½
Champion Intl	40½	41½
Chase Manhat	59½	59½
Chemical Bk	57½	57½
Chevron Corp	51½	52½
Chrysler	54	53½
Chubb Corp	98½	99
Cigna Corp	107½	108
Citicorp	65½	66
Clorox	75½	76
Coastal Corp	36½	36½
Coca Cola	78½	78½
Colgate-Palmolive	73½	75
Columbia Gas	43½	43½
ColumbiaHCA	50½	51½
Compaq Comp	44½	44½
Comp Ass Intl	59½	59½
Conagra	40½	40½
Conrail	69	70½
Cons Edison	30½	30½
Cons Nat Gas	44½	45½
Cooper Inds	35½	36
CoreStates	37½	38½
Corning Inc	31	31½
Crown Cork	40½	40½
Dana Corp	29½	30½
Dayton Hudson	74	74½
Deere	34	34½
Delta Air Lines	74½	75½
Deluxe Corp	26½	27½
Detroit Edison	34	34½
Digital Equip	57½	59
Dillard Dept St	28½	28½
Disney (Walt)	60½	61½
Dominion Res	41½	41½
Donnelley (RR)	37½	38½
Dover Corp	35½	36½
Dow Chemical	69½	70½
Dow Jones	39½	39½
Dresser	23½	23½
Duke Power	46½	46½
Dun & Brdstreet	64½	64½
Du Pont	69	69½

	Dec 18 midday	Dec 15 close
Eastman Kodak	67½	69
Eaton Corp	54	54½
Emerson Elec	79½	81
Engelhard Corp	22	22½
Enron Corp	39	39½
Entergy	27½	28
Ethyl Corp	12½	12½
Exxon	80½	82
FMC Corp	71½	72
FPL Group	45½	45½
Federal Express	74	75½
Fed Nat Mtge	111½	113½
First Interstate	135½	137½
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Fnl Grp	38½	39
Fluor Corp	65½	67½
Ford Motor	28½	28½
GTE Corp	43½	44
Gannett	60½	61½
Gap Inc Del	46½	47½
Gen Dynamics	60½	60½
Gen Electric	72½	72½
Gen Mills	57½	57½
Gen Motors	50½	50½
Gen Reinsurance	154½	155
Gen Signal	32	32½
Genuine Parts	41½	41½
Georgia Pac	67½	68½
Gillette	54½	54½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	27½	27½
Goodrich (BF)	67½	67½
Goodyear Tire	44½	45
Grace (WAR)	59	59
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23½	23
Great Wstn Fin	25½	25½
Halliburton	47	47
Harcourt General	41½	41½
Heinz (HJ)	33	33½
Hercules	56½	57½
Hershey Foods	67	67½
Hewlett Packard	76½	76½
Hilton Hotels	62½	62½
Home Depot	44½	45½
Homestake Mng	16	15½
Honeywell	45½	46½
Household Intl	57½	58½
Houston Inds	23½	23½
Humana	26½	27½
ITT Corp	120½	122½
Illinois Tool	58½	59½
Illinova	29½	29½
INCO	35½	35½
Ingersoll Rand	35½	36½
Inland Steel	25½	25½
Intel Corp	56½	58½
IBM	88½	90½
Intl Flav & Fr	50½	51½
Intl Paper	35½	36½
James River Va	27½	31½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	90½	91½
Kellogg	78½	78½
Kerr-McGee	59½	60
Kimberly-Clark	77½	78½
Kmart	6½	6½
Knight-Ridder	63½	64
Lilly (Eli)	104½	104½
Limited Inc	17½	17½
Lincoln Nat	52½	53½
Litton	42½	42½
Liz Claiborne	29½	29½
Lockheed Martin	76½	76½
Louisiana Pac	23½	23½
MCI Comm	26	26½
Marriott Int	36½	37½
Marsh & McLnn	89	89½
Masco Corp	29½	29½
May Dept St	43½	44½
Maytag Corp	20½	20½
McDonalds	46½	46½
McDonnell D	89½	90
McGraw Hill	85½	85½
Mead Corp	50½	51½
Medtronic	57½	57½
Mellon Bk	52½	53½
Melville Corp	30½	31½
Merck Inc	64½	65½
Merrill Lynch	51	51½
Microsoft	88½	88½
Minnesota Mine	67	66½
Mobil Corp	111½	113½
Monsanto	115½	118½
Morgan (JP)	79½	80
Motorola Inc	57	57½
Natl Semi	22	22½
Natl Service Ind	33	33
Navistar Intl	10½	11
NY Times A	29½	30
Newmont Mng	43½	43
Niag Mohawk	9½	9½
Nike B	62	63½
NL Industries	12½	12½
Noram Energy	8½	8½
Nordstrom	40½	40½
Norfolk Sthrn	78½	79½
Nthn State Pwr	48½	48½
Norwest Corp	33½	33½
Nynex Corp	50½	49½
Occidental Pet	20½	20½
Ohio Edison	23½	23½
Oracle	41½	43½

	Dec 18 midday	Dec 15 close
Oryx Energy Co	13½	13½
Owens Corning	44	44½
PPG Industries	44½	45½
PNC Bank	28½	29
PP&L Res	24½	25½
Paccar Inc	45½	49½
PacifiCorp	20½	20½
Pac Enterprises	28½	28½
Pac Gas & Elect	28½	28½
Pac Telesis	34½	33½
Pall Corp	26½	27½
Panhandle East	28½	28½
Parker Hannifin	33½	34½
Peco Energy	29½	29½
Penney (JC)	47½	47½
Pennzoil	41½	42½
Pepsico	57½	57½
Pfizer	64½	65½
Pharm & Upjhn	39	39½
Phelps Dodge	62	62½
Philip Morris	92½	93½
Phillips Pet	33½	33½
Pitney Bowes	47½	47½
Polaroid	48½	49½
PriceCostco	16	16½
Procter & Gmbl	84½	86
Providian	42½	41½
Pub Serv E & G	29½	29½
Quaker Oats	35½	35½
Ralston Purina	65½	65½
Raychem Corp	57½	58½
Raytheon	45½	45½
Reebok Intl	25½	25½
Reynolds Metals	55½	57½
Roadway Srvcs	50½	50½
Rockwell Intl	51½	51½
Rohm & Haas	62½	62½
Royal Dutch	136½	137
Rubbermaid	24½	25½
SBC Comms	57½	57½
Safeco Corp	36½	37½
St Paul's Cos	56½	57½
Salomon Inc	34½	35½
Sara Lee Corp	33½	33½
Stecorp	16½	16½
Schering Plough	56½	56½
Schlumberger	68½	68½
Seagram	34½	35½
Sears Roebuck	39½	40½
Shell Trans	78½	79½
Sherwin Wlms	39½	39½
Skyline Corp	19½	19½
Snap-On-Tools	44½	44½
Southern Co	24½	24½
Sprint Corp	39½	40
Stanley Works	51	51½
Sun Company	26½	26½
Sun Microsys	42	43½
Suntrust	67½	68½
Supervalu	32½	32½
Sysco Corp	31½	31½
TRW Inc	75½	75
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	11½	11½
Tandy Corp	38	37½
Teledyne	24	23½
Temple Inland	44½	44½
Tenneco	47½	47½
Texaco	77½	79½
Texas Inst	46½	49
Texas Utilities	39½	39½
Textron	72½	73½
Time Warner	38½	39½
Times-Mirror A	35½	34½
Timken	39½	39½
Torchmark	44½	43½
Toys R Us	23½	23½
Transamerica	75½	75½
Travelers	59½	60½
Tribune	61½	62
Tyco Labs	31½	33
UST Inc	34½	35½
UAL	198½	201½
US Inds	17	17½
USX Marathon	19½	19½
Unicom	32½	32½
Unilever NV	141½	141½
Union Camp	46	46½
Union Carbide	38	38½
Union Pacific	66½	66½
Unisys Corp	6	5½
USAIR Group	11½	12½
USF&G Corp	17½	17½
US Life	29½	29½
United Tech	92½	94½
Unocal Corp	28½	28½
VF Corp	52½	53½
WMX Tech	29½	29½
Wal-Mart Stores	23½	23½
Warner-Lambert	98½	98½
Wells Fargo	213	214½
Westinghouse El	15½	16
Weyerhaeuser	42½	42½
Whirlpool	54½	54½
Whitman	23½	23½
Winn Dixie	36½	36½
Woolworth	13½	13½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	53½	52½
Xerox	134½	135½
Yellow Corp	12½	12½

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Olsen looks for approval

FOR a company with such an international spread of interests, it is a surprise that Cable and Wireless has never had a non-British chief executive before. Yesterday's promotion of Rod Olsen, a New Zealander, to be acting chief executive follows the departure of both Lord Young of Graffham, chairman, and James Ross, chief executive on November 21.

Olsen's job needs shareholder approval and a change in the company's articles of association. At the moment, the executive chairman or, if there isn't one, the chief executive, must be a British citizen. C&W grew by cabling together the far-flung British empire and until 1934 was called Imperial and International.

Face in crowd

IN THE January edition of *Business Age* — out this week — one face shines out of its review of corporate winners during 1995. It is that of Peter Davis, the lottery regulator at the centre of a hospitality and free flights storm. Still grimly clinging on to his job last night, Davis, the £84,000 a year regulator, is flanked by Sir Ron Dearing, former chairman of Camelot, and Tim Holley, the chief executive. The magazine says the success of Camelot, which has a seven-year licence to run the National Lottery, has been too conspicuous.



"The Government is even more overspent than you are"

Debased coinage

PANMURE GORDON'S "name that common currency" competition attracted about 50 entries, the less scatological of which it has published for its clients. Steve Inkley, of Dicam, wins a bottle of champagne for his entry. Take the first part of dollar and add the end of the mark and you get a complete Dork. Honourable mention went to Mirage, reflecting, as the chaps at Panmure put it, the dreamlike futility of the idea. Another favourite was Ecku as in "by 'eck, you must be joking". Gas and hot air featured in many another entry. Montgolfier was popular but the judges preferred Zeppelin because of its disastrously short life expectancy. Euro doesn't really have the same ring, does it?

Seeing red

EITHER because of the Russian elections or the size of this year's Christmas bonuses, the City has rediscovered an interest in art of Russia and the former Soviet Union after a break of three years. The West End art dealer Roy Miles, of Bruton Street, is currently exhibiting more than 200 works, after a visit to Georgia, Minsk, and Siberia. The red sale stickers on so many paintings have forced him to bring out the reserve collection.

Déjà vu

REMEMBER the Eighties, when markets always seemed to crash in the autumn. Fewer remember that markets tend to break down in December. Yesterday's one-hour opening delay on Wall Street came almost five years to the day from the last such incident on December 20, 1990.


Sir Ron Dearing, centre, who was chairman of winning Camelot


Anthea Turner, face of draw


Lord Young and Richard Branson failed to convince vetters

When battling Branson failed to hit the jackpot

Jon Ashworth looks back on the bid by the Virgin chief and partners to run the National Lottery

Richard Branson never came remotely close to winning the National Lottery licence, in spite of widespread public support for his vision of a non-profit making lottery operator. An independent report by the National Audit Office (NAO), published in July, ranked Mr Branson fifth in a field of eight in terms of revenue expected to be generated for good causes.

Camelot emerged as the clear winner in a report that hailed Peter Davis's role in vetting applicants as "comprehensive, consistent, logical and properly controlled". Security arrangements surrounding the evaluation process were "rigorous". The NAO declared that Mr Davis, in his capacity as Director-General of Oflot, had done a sound job in assessing the bids — a view that has been sorely tested by events of the past week.

The contest for the licence was closely fought — and ended as a three-horse race. Camelot, boosted by the technical might of GTech, the world's biggest supplier of online lottery products and services, emerged as the most attractive applicant by a significant margin. Camelot was forecast to contribute £6.8 billion to the National Lottery Distribution Fund (NLDF), once factors such as the number of retail outlets, game structure and marketing spending had been taken into account.

The second prime contender was the so-called Rothschilds bid, codenamed "Copenhagen" during the licence-bidding round. NM Rothschild, the merchant bank, teamed up with Tattersall's, an Australian lottery operator, to create an organisation that was forecast to raise up to £6.6 billion for the NLDF.

The bid had an influential front-man in Anthony Fry, the Magdalen-educated Rothschild director, who at Oxford always aimed for a career on the Conservative backbenches.

Third in the frame was the Rank Organisation, codenamed "Nairobi" by the vetting team, and long considered a dark horse in the race for the licence. Rank's consortium, LotCo, was financed by eight UK institutions, and fronted by Sir John Hoskyns, chairman of the Burton Group.

Technical clout was provided by Automated Wagering International (AWI), which runs several American state lotteries, and is GTech's main business rival. Arthur Andersen was also on board. LotCo was rated top of the list in terms of raw contribution to the NLDF, but its estimated contribution slipped to about £6.1 billion once other factors had been considered.

Fourth slot went to the Great British Lottery Company, widely seen as one of the prime contenders to win the licence. It had an influential non-executive director in Lord Kingsdown, the former Robin Leigh-Pemberton, and was backed by five UK power players: Associated Newspapers, under Sir David English; Carlton Communications, led by Michael Green; Granada, steered by the expansionist Gerry Robinson; Hambros, with Sir Christopher Sporborg as the main player; and Vodafone, led by Sir Ernest Harrison. The bid, codenamed "Madrid", was forecast to contribute £6 billion to the NLDF.

Mr Branson's bid, codenamed "Oslo", was hailed as the bookies' favourite, but limped in a paltry fifth, with an estimated contribution to the NLDF of less than £5.7 billion. His UK Lottery Foundation had powerful trustees in Lord Young of Graffham, the former Trade and Industry Secretary, Lord Tonypandy and Lord Whitelaw, but it was unable to convince Mr Davis and his vetting team that it was able to deliver. This was not for lack of enthusiasm by Des Wilson, the veteran campaigner and left-wing activist, who presided over a slick public relations campaign. William Hill, the bookmaker, put the Branson bid as favourite at 6-4, followed by Camelot at 5-2 and LotCo at 3-1.

Rumours persisted at the time that the UK Lottery Foundation bid had been thrown together at the last minute, although Mr Branson's admission that he had been sounding out potential technical partners as far back as October 1993 suggests a more orchestrated approach. In the event, Mr Branson opted for the technical expertise of IBM, the computer giant, backed up by the marketing talents of Mars Confectionery and the advertising skills of J Walter Thompson. The application for the licence to run the weekly online game (under Section 5 of the National Lottery etc Act 1993) closed on February 14, 1994 — a wintery St Valentine's Day. Camelot was declared the preferred candidate on May 25.


Peter Davis, the regulator, vetted applicants

Mr Branson's controversial lunch with Guy Snowden, co-chairman of GTech, provided the ammunition for the fire-fight that erupted a week ago, when the Virgin entrepreneur alleged on the BBC1's *Panorama* programme that Mr Snowden had tried to bribe him to stay out of the lottery race. GTech responded by calling the allegation an "evil smear", prompting Mr Branson to launch an action for defamation.

Mr Branson and Lord Young genuinely believed in the merits of their non-profit making lottery vision. They were willing to put £200 million of their own money towards guaranteeing leases and bank debts, and predicted that their "not-for-profit" rallying cry would bring in hundreds of millions of pounds extra for good causes.

Mr Branson argued passionately that his bid's charitable status would encourage more people to play, perhaps adding as much as £1 billion a year to lottery turnover. But analysis of Mr Branson's bid told a different story.

The other contenders put on a brave face, but had little realistic chance. Last past the post were: the Enterprise Lottery Company, backed by GEC, Thorn EMI and the Tote; Games for Good Causes, chaired by Sir Christopher Benson, and supported by Ladbroke and MAI; and Rainbow, headed by Sir Patrick Sheehy, chairman of BAT, and Richard Wheatly, then chairman of Leo Burnett, the advertising agency.

Mr Wheatly controversially claimed on *Panorama* that Mr Davis had effectively spiked his guns when he attempted to put in a bid for the subsequent Section 6 licence to run the UK's scratchcard operations. Mr Wheatly complained that he had been referred to Camelot, which told him it had already made its own arrangements. Mr Davis confirms in a report that one potential competitor for the Section 6 licence was referred to Camelot, but that Camelot alone applied.

The NAO report backed up Camelot's assertion that it would retain the least amount in profits of all the applicants. Camelot's application generally provided the lowest revenue retention across a wide range of scenarios. The consortium was expected to retain £2.5 billion over the life of the licence — 10.87 per cent of revenue — beating the next closest bidder, Rothschild, by £72 million.

Unfortunately, no one quite realised just how popular the National Lottery would prove to be. Growing public unease over the level of profits generated by Camelot — up to £1 million a week according to the latest estimates — has brought fresh calls for the National Lottery to be run on a non-profit making basis.

The consensus is that the public would feel happier if the vast extra sums generated in profits were used to compensate charities for revenue lost to lottery tickets, rather than lining the pockets of the Camelot consortium.

Mr Branson indicated last week that he would be willing to assist with the formation of a new, non-profit making consortium if Camelot's licence was revoked, but said he was no longer interested in running the National Lottery.


ANATOLE KALETSKY

The winners and the loser

The pious thing to say when a long strike is over is that "there have been no winners — only losers". In the case of the strikes which ended yesterday in France, this cliché must be reversed. Here we had a strike in which everybody won and nobody seemed to lose.

The clearest winners were, of course, the striking railmen and public servants, who secured every one of their main sectional demands: retirement at 50; preservation of rail services; an end to privatisation; the sacking of the SNCF chairman; negotiations on social conditions with Alain Juppé which the Prime Minister had categorically rejected only two weeks ago. And many more concessions from the Government can confidently be expected in the coming months. Not since the winter of discontent in 1978-79 in Britain have trade unions in any leading industrialised country achieved so much by going on strike.

The French Government, too, seems to have come out a winner. It can claim that its many concessions had not affected the health reforms and tax increases which made up the core of its plan to reduce the budget deficit to within the Maastricht targets programme. If there are no further strikes and concessions (a big "if") and if the economy now starts to grow strongly in line with official forecasts (an "if" of elephantine proportions), France will be ready for European Monetary Union in 1999. And if those implausible conditions are not satisfied? That is another question for another time.

Now let me turn to the third group of winners in this unusual battle. I refer to the financial speculators, foremost among them George Soros. Mr Soros, the world's most famous "financial and philosophical speculator", must be delighted with the way things have turned out. I have no idea whether Mr Soros made or lost money on France last week. But his philosophical ideas (which he prizes more highly than mere billions of dollars and which are now used by most speculators around the world) certainly won another great victory.

The core of the Soros philosophy is the "theory of reflexivity" which he invented in the 1970s to explain the interaction of politics, economics and the financial markets. This theory has bewildered the readers of his bestselling books who had been hoping to pick up simple investment tips. After the events in France, however, everybody should be able to see what Mr Soros means and why reflexivity really can help to understand the world of politics, as well as to make money in financial markets. The Soros theory holds, in its simplest form, that the normal rules of economics and politics can be turned upside down in a situation where financial speculators' perception of "economic and political reality" is itself a critical part of that reality and therefore shapes events. France last week offered the clearest possible example that reflexivity really does work.

Indeed one can say that "reflexivity" is the only possible explanation of why M Juppé is still in office. M Juppé succeeded, at least for the time being, because he was able to back down to the strikers without suffering a run on the franc. By why did the speculators not pounce? Consider this explanation from one big investor: "I could see that Juppé had surrendered, but I could also see the franc did not even twitch. I had to assume the market knew something good about Juppé that I didn't know — and even if the market didn't know anything, I had to respect the confidence the market was showing. It was pure reflexivity: the market's confidence let Juppé settle the strike — and that meant the confidence was justified."

By "respecting the market", the hedge funds managed to avoid losing money on the franc — and many profited handsomely by betting on falling French interest rates. So the speculators too, came out winners from these events. Were there any losers? I can think of only one insignificant group: the 50 million citizens of France, who have to live with the madness of EMU and the franc fort.

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Beauty and brawn return to top the Christmas toy lists

Sarah Bagnall on how Barbie and Action Man have become favourites for Santa's sack this year

Last year it was the karate-kicking Mighty Morphin Power Rangers that every cool kid had to have. This year, they have been knocked off the top by two old favourites.

Welcome Action Man and Barbie. As far as boys are concerned, Action Man, the lean, mean fighting machine that first adorned shop windows in 1966 is a must this Christmas. Meanwhile, girls are clamouring for a 36-year-old plastic doll with long blonde hair and vital statistics that defy reality.

The emergence of the two old-timers at the top of Christmas shopping lists was unexpected. But predicting the latest juvenile hit is no easy task, given the fickle tastes of children. Each year, manufacturers of the best-selling toys are caught by surprise as demand races ahead of supply.

One feature in recent years is that the best-sellers have been spin-offs from a successful television series or film. The Power Rangers craze was triggered by the success of a children's television series while the previous year's rage for the pizza-loving Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles followed a successful cartoon series and film.

True to form, the best-selling Barbie this Christmas is Baywatch Barbie, a lifeguard version of the plastic doll that looks uncannily like the real-life stars in the television series. Dressed in a red, cut-away swimsuit, the curvaceous doll retails at about £12. "Baywatch Barbie is huge," says a spokesman for Woolworths.

Barbie accessories are also selling fast. A spokesman for Argos, Britain's biggest toy retailer, says the most popular product is the Barbie Picnic Van, a 4x4 vehicle that opens out and contains picnic items such as table, chairs, and a hamper. And all for £24.75. Hasbro, maker of Barbie's rival Sindy, is seeing a roaring trade in Sindy's 4x4 Explorer. For the price of £49.99, Sindy has the luxury of a multicoloured vehicle that transforms into either a speed boat with skis, a kitchen and living area or a viewing tower.


Hello dolly: Barbie, the top toy for girls

In contrast, demand for Action Man does not come from a television programme or film. Instead, its popularity is thought to have more to do with parents than their children. A spokesman for Hasbro, manufacturer of Action Man, says: "Action Man is popular because boys who had one when they were little are now fathers and because they liked it they are now going out and buying it for their youngsters."

The spokesman at Argos agreed: "Parents want their kids to play with what they played with." The same argument is applied to Barbie, although few mothers readily admit to being Barbie fans.

According to statistics from MPD, a market research company, of the top ten selling boys' toys this christmas Action Man fills seven of the slots. Action Man's helicopter with rotating blades, gun-fire, air-powered missiles and sound effects, tops the list at £38.50. "They are flying off the shelves. We are having to work hard to keep up with demand," says the Hasbro spokesman. In second place is Action Man's jeep with last year's top toy, Power Rangers, in third place. "Power Rangers are still going strong. It is unusual for a product to be around for so long," says the Argos spkesman.

Another factor driving the popularity of toys is the increasing desire of parents to reduce the amount of time their children spend watching television. This is thought to have increased the popularity of traditional activity toys, such as Monopoly and Lego, while reducing demand for video games.

Retailers talk of strong trade in Aquazone Lego, which at £60 a set boasts a whole underwater world, and Bubba Loo Bird, a hairy, brightly coloured puppet. The video games market has shrunk in recent years but is still significant in size. While sales of games may not be thriving, retailers are experiencing healthy sales of new hardware, such as the Sony Play Station and the Sega Saturn. Sales of the Play Station are said to be thriving despite a hefty price tag of about £300.

But this is the year of Barbie and Action Man — although I hope Barbie's success won't tempt her to leave reliable Ken for the more exciting, macho Action Man.

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Barclays union urges business to cut long hours

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

STAFF at Barclays yesterday urged the bank and other businesses to take action against a "long-hours epidemic" at work.

Attacking the "socially and economically destructive" culture of long hours at work, one of the bank's staff unions urged business to join with it and other bodies in its campaign aimed at tackling over-long working hours.

Unifi, the Barclays staff union, said that the "new British disease" of working long hours was an urgent issue. Fear of job losses and the steady erosion of pay in real terms had left a large number of British employees feeling unable to refuse overtime – an increasing amount of which was unpaid.

Unifi said many staff felt pressured by managers to stay on longer than even the long hours suggested by recent surveys because they feared being singled out for redundancy if they did not.

Recent survey work by Austin Knight, the consultants, said two thirds of employees in Britain now work 40 hours or more a week, with a quarter working 50 hours or more. Launching its campaign yesterday, Unifi said that long hours sharply increased already widespread stress at work.

A survey published yesterday by the joint employer-employee Industrial Society, one of the supporters' of the Unifi campaign, showed that stress is now a problem in nine out of ten organisations.

Unifi is pressing Barclays for a two-hour cut in the bank's standard working week, and a ban on unpaid overtime.

Its campaign is unusual in that in draws support from a range of organisations, including two trade unions with which it competes in recruiting Barclays staff — Bifu, the banking union, and the white-collar Manufacturing, Science and Finance union.

As well as their detrimental effect on the economy, business and health, the union said long hours could have an "even more devastating effect" on families.

Paul Snowball, Unifi's general secretary, said yesterday that the campaign was "about working together to return the British people to a saner, healthier working life — which is also more viable for the UK socially and economically".

The Government is currently taking legal action to challenge the basis of a European directive on working time, which with some exceptions proposes a limit of 48 hours on the working week, 13 hours on the working day and eight hours on night work.

But Labour backed the union's move. Ian McCartney, Shadow Employment Minister, said: "Britain is fast becoming the sweatshop of Europe. We have longer working hours for full-time employees than any other European country, and account for half the excessive working hours in the EU." By signing the EU social chapter, he said, a future Labour Government would ensure that people would no longer be working excessive hours.

B&E to buy drugs developer for £27m

BLACK & EDGINGTON, which last month unveiled plans to sell its temporary structures subsidiary and to refocus on pharmaceuticals, has announced plans to acquire Krypton, a drug development company based in Gibraltar, for up to £27 million (Martin Barrow writes).

The company, which is to be renamed SkyePharma, will pay an initial consideration of £12 million, funded through a share placing, with the balance payable depending on the development of products in the Krypton portfolio.

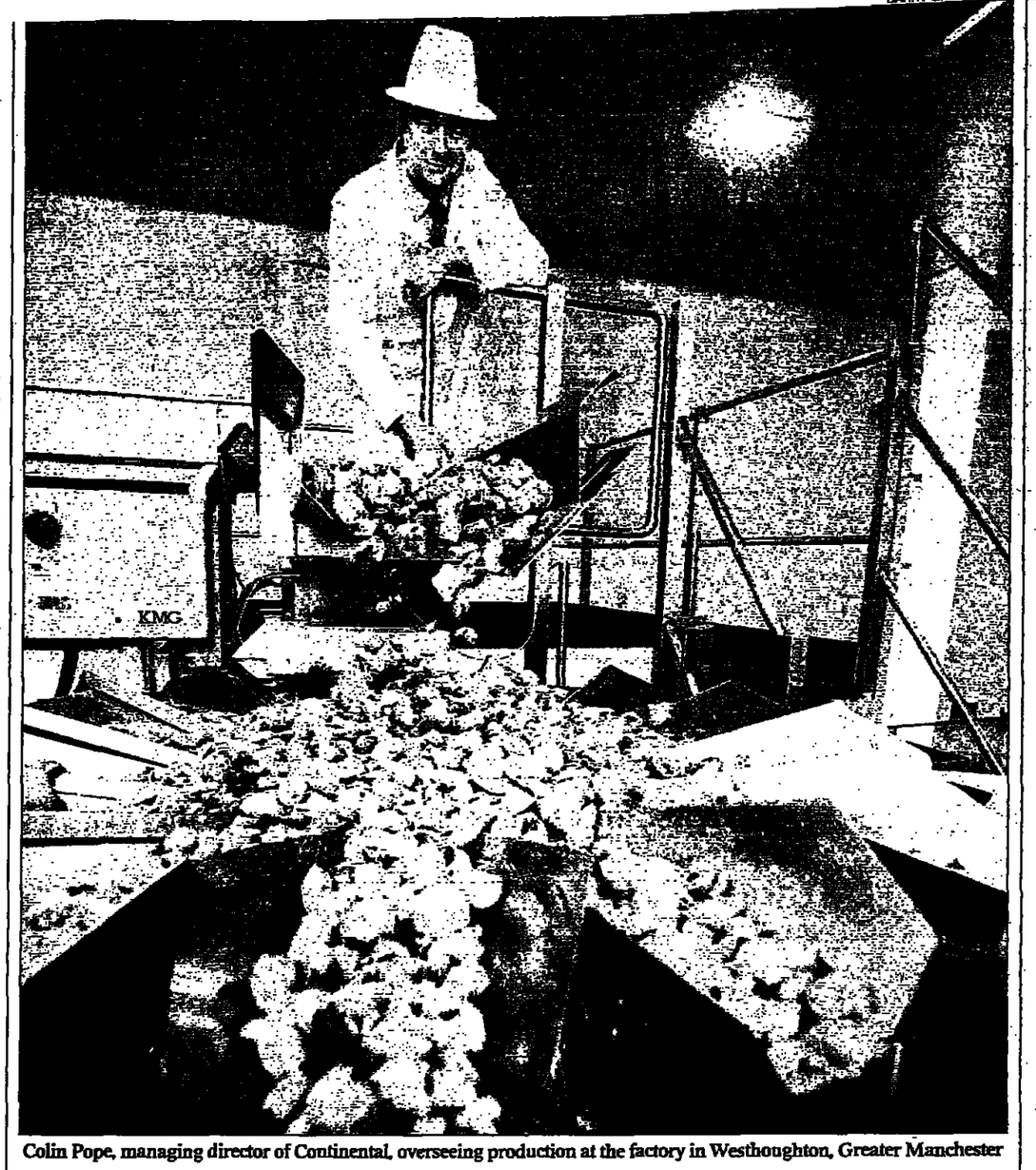
Ian Gowrie-Smith, the founder of Medeva, the pharmaceuticals company, and now chairman of Black & Edgington, said: "Our ambition for Skyepharma is to create an integrated pharmaceutical company exploiting existing drugs utilising novel drug delivery technologies."

The acquisition will be part-funded by a rights issue of new shares, raising £9.3 million in working capital for the company. All new shares are being issued at 4p each. Existing shares are currently suspended but trading is expected to resume on January 9 on the Alternative Investment Market. Black & Edgington also announced financial results for the year to July 1, showing a pre-tax loss of £9.9 million. This included an exceptional provision of £4.4 million after the loss of the contract to supply temporary structures to the Farnborough air show. There was an operating loss of £5.9 million and provisions relating to the disposal of Black & Edgington Hire amounting to £3.3 million.



Gowrie-Smith: integration

BARRY GREENWOOD



Colin Pope, managing director of Continental, overseeing production at the factory in Westhoughton, Greater Manchester

Continental's tortilla boom

D&S (Food Products), acquired for £9.7 million this month by Continental Foods, reported heavy pre-Christmas demand, with 500,000 packs of tortilla chips sold in the first week of December (Martin Barrow writes).

Continental purchased D&S in a leveraged buyout with venture capitalist First Britannia Mezzanine NV. It made an initial investment of £1 million and has an option to acquire First Britannia's entire investment. D&S's customers include Tesco, Asda, Safeway and Somerfield.

Developing countries investing abroad

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

DEVELOPING countries are not only increasingly becoming host countries to the world's multinationals but are also becoming investors abroad, according to the latest *World Investment Report* published today by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

While the top 100 multinationals are all based in developing countries, 15 per cent of the world's foreign direct investment originated in developing countries in 1994. Foreign direct investment from the developing world accounted for 10 per cent of the total between 1990 and 1994.

Most of this investment originates in Asia and Latin America. For the first time, UNCTAD has listed the 50 largest multinationals in developing countries. Asia dominates with 32 entries, with the remainder based in Latin America. Top of the list is Cemex, the Mexican cement and construction company, followed by Hutchison Whampoa, of Hong Kong, and then Daewoo and Samsung, of South Korea.

Preliminary estimates suggest that total foreign direct investment totalled $230 billion, up from $222 billion in 1994. Of this, $84 billion is estimated to have flowed to developing countries. Foreign direct investment to Latin America and the Caribbean rose in 1994 to $20 billion. Direct investment of $1.8 billion went to Africa in 1994.

Brasway earnings doubled

BY MARTIN BARROW

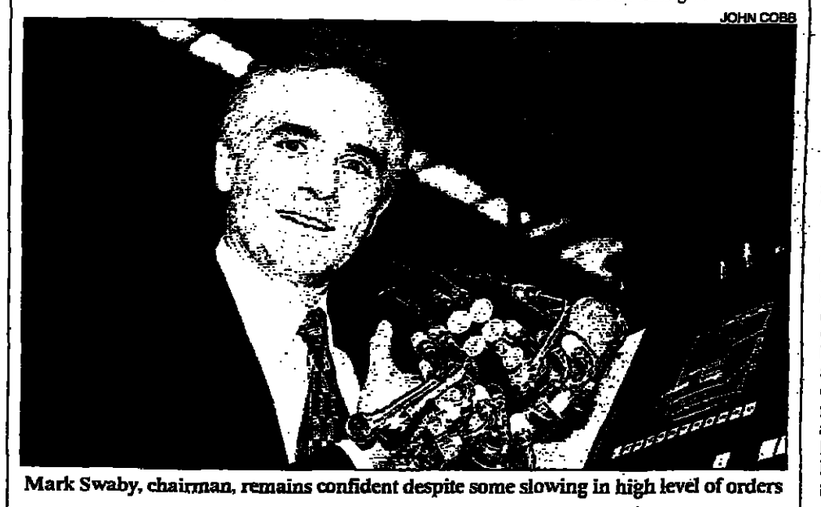
BRASWAY, the hydraulics and lubricants company, is confident of achieving steady growth in the second half, despite evidence that order books were slowing from a high level in the UK and some overseas markets.

Profits rose sharply to £1.05 million before tax from £505,000 in the six months to October 28, lifting earnings to 0.89p a share from 0.43p. The advance in profits was achieved despite a modest increase in sales to £20.15 million from £19.4 million.

The improvement in group margins reflected a stronger performance at Europower, a subsidiary, where sales rose 21 per cent and net profits increased by £646,000 to £827,000. Cost reductions and a strong worldwide order book both contributed to the improvement. However, Excelube, the company's second principal subsidiary, barely broke even, with an additional £46,000 incurred on restructuring costs.

Mark Swaby, chairman, said: "The underlying outlook and order book around the world remains good."

JOHN COBB



Mark Swaby, chairman, remains confident despite some slowing in high level of orders

Aberdeen Trust increases dividend

Aberdeen Trust, which has more than £2.7 billion of funds under management, is increasing the total dividend by 25 per cent despite a decline in pre-tax profits to £4.1 million from £5 million in the year to September 30.

The results were adversely affected by the disposal of the company's loss-making accountancy and taxation activities, which incurred losses of £2.24 million.

The company said fund management activities continue to generate solid profits and cash flow, which augurs well for future profits. Funds under management rose by 16.4 per cent, helped by the acquisition of Prosperity Unit Trust Management in December 1994.

There is a final dividend of 1.8p a share (1.4p), which lifts the total dividend to 2.5p from 2p. Earnings were 3.21p a share, compared with 4.01p.

Housing gloom

The gloomy state of the housing market was confirmed as builder Raine announced that house sales had slumped in the last six months.

Roy Barber, chairman, said: "The UK housing market remains very weak. The recent budget confirmed my view that the pent-up demand for new homes will not be transformed into active investment for another 12 months."

He told shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting that sales for the last six months were down between 20 and 25 per cent on the same period last year. However, Raine's Hall & Tawse building contracting arm had orders worth £114.9 million, a 10 per cent rise on the previous year.

Steris in $660m deal

Steris Corp is to acquire Amsco International Inc, another American manufacturer of healthcare infection prevention products, in a deal valued at $660 million.

The companies said they plan to merge their sales and service organisations, and excess capacity of Amsco's manufacturing facilities will be used to produce Steris products. Upon completion of the merger, the combined enterprise will have about 3,500 employees in North America, Europe, and Asia. The North America direct sales and service force of more than 1,000 field representatives will be among the largest in the medical device industry.

Bill Sanford, chairman and president of Steris, will retain those positions with the combined company.

Perkins disposals

Perkins Foods has sold its shellfish businesses to the privately-owned Seafood Company in a deal worth £10.9 million.

Perkins Foods, sold Anchor Seafoods and the Cromer Crab Co for £6.7 million in cash. The purchaser is also taking on debts of £4.2 million. Perkins said the disposals, along with the recent sale of its mushrooms business, would generate about £15 million of cash. Before the disposal, group borrowings were £30.3 million.

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Taxpayers may foot part of massive mortgage debt

Japan's day of reckoning

THE Japanese Government is bracing itself for an official announcement today that it will have to spend taxpayers' money, and untold political capital, to bail out mortgage companies saddled with mountains of bad debt.

News that public money would be needed to rescue seven of the eight housing loan corporations, or *jusen*, was leaked to local media on Sunday night, but the actual announcement was expected to be made at a cabinet meeting today.

The money would be spent in the next fiscal year, and government ministers are struggling to get the appropriations written into the draft budget that is due to be submitted to the various ministries tomorrow. Several major banks founded the housing lenders in the late 1980s, when real estate prices were soaring, and the Finance Ministry wanted to encourage private citizens to invest in homes.

The founding banks, combined with financial organisations connected with wealthy agricultural cooperatives and a few smaller investors, together made trillions of yen in ill-fated loans to the housing lenders. When the value of the land used as collateral on the resulting mortgages collapsed in the early 1990s, so did the value of all that debt and the mortgage companies.

A recession and lower property prices have dogged Japan for nearly four years. As a result, the seven *jusen* are holding about 7.5 trillion yen (£49 billion) of irrecoverable debt. Finance Ministry officials and counterparts in the Farm Ministry have spent months trying to work out how the burden should be divided. Mineko Sasaki-Smith, an analyst at Morgan Stanley Securities in Tokyo, said: "They assumed that because land is scarce on an island, and for other reasons, that prices would naturally rebound. Now they're trying to shift the focus to Japan's need to rebuild its international image of fiscal responsibility."

The Finance Ministry and Farm Ministry have proposed that the founding banks bear Y3.6 trillion of the losses, other banks that made loans to the companies bear 1.6 trillion yen, and the farm-related groups take 1.1 trillion yen. That would leave Y1.2 trillion outstanding, from the Y7.5 trillion total, which would be converted into a debt-liquidating company, according to the original proposal.

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Sharp markdowns in late trading

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2937½	2137½	ABN-AMRO	2875		4.5	10.6
654	413	Abbey Nat	619	-16	3.9	12.4
368	250	Allied Irish	357	-1	4.0	10.4
303	198	Aus New Z	303	+7	5.2	
4425	2531¼	Bank America	4168¾	+18¾		
307½	191½	Bank Scotland	284½	-22	2.7	12.6
812½	557½	Barclays	756	-14½	3.7	10.3
488	288	Bk of Ireland†	478	-2	3.6	9.6
525	418	Cater Allen†	487		6.6	7.2
4718¾	2450	Chicorp	4381¼	+137½		
340½	216¼	Close Bros	323		3.4	14.3
£162¼	£129¼	Commerzbk	£151½	-103¼	3.6	
1375	993	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1243¾		0.4	
3291¼	2775	Deutsche Bk	3087½	-65¾	2.4	
881¼	568¾	Espirito Santo	584¾		6.1	7.8
1611	1138¾	Fuji Bank Y	1465¾	+11¾	0.4	
490	385	Gerrard Nat	458		6.2	14.6
253	180	Hambros†	199	-1	4.7	
1019	589	HSBC	980	-18	3.6	12.8
994	578	HSBC HK	956	-21	3.7	12.4
401	228	Irish Perm	401	+1	3.0	8.3
463	353	Joseph (L)†	458	-2	5.1	25.6
145	85	King Shaxson	139	-2	8.3	19.5
895	530	Lloyds	839	-25	4.0	12.8
592	479	Nat Aust Bk	592	+10	6.8	
687	454	Nat West	629½	-23½	4.5	9.6
3000	2150	Ottoman Bank	2500		6.6	3.4
67	44	Rea Brothers	52	+2	2.4	20.8
639½	373½	Royal Bk Scott	585	-11½	3.5	13.3
1478	906½	Schroders	1335	-3	1.3	19.0
1180	823½	Schroders N/V	1126	-7	1.6	16.1
111	81	Singer & Fried	109½	-1	4.2	11.3
625	346	Stand Chart	585	-9	2.0	14.2
417	217	TSB	395	-9	3.7	13.7
121	70	Unam	100		3.8	
£145¼	9043¼	Wells Fargo	£139¼	-397½	2.1	
270	211	Westpac	266¼		5.1	
295	200	Wintrust	275	+5	5.4	15.5

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
265	143	Ascot Hldgs	263	-2		8.5
731	487	Bass†	711	+4	4.0	
450	239	Boddington	450	+1	2.5	23.2
192	137	Buckmstd Brwr	176		3.8	17.0
191	132	Eldridge P 'A'	190		3.1	
433	335	Folk Sm 'A'	416		2.6	17.7
545	402	Greenalls Grp	544	+3	3.3	
658	468	Greene King	624	-4	2.9	16.6
297	240	Hardy Hanson	286		4.5	
180	150	Heavitree	155		4.5	10.9
3425	3048	Holt J	3108		2.2	16.6
347	219	Mansfield†	316		2.1	15.9
321	266	Marston Thmpt	306		3.0	14.4
543	391½	Morland†	534	+4	2.8	
8¼	6½	Panmure†	6¾		4.1	10.8
703	387	Regal Inns	664	-21	1.3	26.1
2343¾	1287½	SA Breweries†	2343¾	+31¼	1.5	31.5
640	482	Scot & New	606	-9	3.9	16.1
337	230	Scot & New P/P	330			
218	173	Tom Cobleigh	204	+4	1.7	33.1
309	211	Vaux Group	251	+2	5.2	12.8
640	449	Wetherspoon JD	638	-1	1.6	25.9
679	521	Whitbread†	668	+7	3.9	16.5
585	483	Wolvhmptn D	573	+6	3.4	
310	188	Yates Bros	303	-1	1.3	26.8
475	425	Young 'A'	436		4.3	17.7

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	125	Abbey	140		4.7	9.1
205	143	Alfert	205	+1	3.7	15.3
101	54¼	Amec†	93	-3	4.0	18.6
275	133	Andrews Sykes	255			
195	137¼	Ashtead	167		1.8	16.5
105	30	Avonside	34	-1	12.1	5.4
38	23	Bailey (Ben) Con	25		5.2	6.1
41¼	30¼	Barratt	37		1.0	
242	158	Barratt Dev.	238	-3	3.9	14.8
175½	122	Beazer Homes	172	-2	4.3	12.4
268	180	Bellway	252	+1	3.9	11.9
37	15	Bellwinch	17		1.5	9.1
490	315	Berkeley Gp	489		2.0	15.1
185	160	Bell Bruct	174	+½	3.9	6.3
245	190	Boot (Henry)	193		4.7	9.0
124	81	Brandon Hire†	90		3.1	16.0
40	17	Britannia Gp	23		8.7	4.5
160	36	Br Bldg & Eng	40		25.0	5.5
134	93	Bryant	109	-½	5.8	8.9
121	98	CALA	111		3.6	10.7
38	16	Campbell & Arm	18			
64	49	Clarke T	49		10.4	17.6
242½	67	Costain	72			
110	53	Countryside	58	-3	6.2	
81	43	Crest Nicholson	59		4.2	8.3
98	70	Cussins	80		5.9	7.0
293	165	Eve Group	168		6.7	9.0
29	13	Galliford	19		6.6	38.6
863	738	Gleeson (MJ)†	738		2.5	14.0
86	60	Green (Ernst)	60		10.6	26.1
273	178	Havelock Eurot	272		1.5	22.9
158	115	Hewden-Stuart	134	-½	2.6	14.2
93	73	Higgs & Hill	83½	+½	3.7	71.0
22	14	Howard Hldgs	15		8.7	17.5
29½	8¾	Jarvis	22½			
148	98	Keller	143		3.4	13.9
255	185	Laing (J)	253	+1	4.4	31.3
105	82	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	104		7.7	
61	12	Lovell (YJ)	17			
210	176	Maunders (J)	186		3.8	9.9
181	104	McAlpine (A)	143		5.2	16.3
70	48	McCarthy & St.	64½		3.9	
80	51	Morgan Sindall	78		1.4	
123	116	Morrison Cons	122		4.4	11.9
106	53	Mowlem (J)	59		4.2	29.4
216	162	Persimmon	198	+1	6.0	13.8
114½	76¾	Pochins	100		2.8	12.2
126	94	Prowting†	111		4.3	14.8
53	13	Raine Ind	14		4.5	
53	45	Secure Retire	48		2.8	9.1
134	93	Redrow	134		2.9	12.4
398	319	Smart Hldgs†	319		2.7	
112½	71	Shanco	72		6.9	11.9
368	258	Spandex†	353		1.0	22.5
178	142	Tay Homes	149		5.9	10.2
130	99	Taylor Woodrw	119		2.4	22.7
568	415	Tilbury Dougls	443		8.3	15.1
59½	28	Tops Hire	32		5.1	13.7
23	6	Trencherwood	10		4.1	
20	7½	Try Group	10½		6.0	14.7
109	72½	Vibroplant†	72½	-½	7.0	5.5
116	93	Watchmans†	100		5.8	9.3
60	37	Ward Hldgs	47	+1	4.0	10.5
190	123	Westbury†	180		4.3	13.3
5½	2½	Wiggins	3½		25.8	
174	124	Wilson (C)	158	+2	3.6	11.7
372	308	Wilson Bowdn	352		3.6	12.8
139	97	Wimpey G	137	+4	5.8	19.9

BUILDING MATERIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
14	7½	Albrighton	12	-½		
445	311¼	Alumasc	410	-5	2.2	17.7
342	267½	BPB Ind†	293	-5	3.9	13.6
133	94	Baggeridge Brk	117		3.4	
76	22½	Barton	32½	+½	7.7	15.8
76	36	Blockleys	45		1.1	
339	255	Blue Circle	326	-2½	4.5	14.8
89	72	Breedon PLC	77		7.8	10.7
136	106	Br Dredging	107		6.5	14.0
480	338	CRH	488	-2	2.1	18.3
48	38	Caledonian Bldy	38		3.2	
210	143	Cape	146		9.4	11.3
273	173	Cirrus†	182	+7	6.5	9.4
134½	99½	Caradon pl	105½		8.6	
35	18	Chelton Gp	19		13.2	
198	105	Dyson (J&J)	185		2.7	15.3
90	83	Dyson 'A'	83		6.0	6.9
98¼	56¼	Eclipse Blinds	88			
315	228	Epwin	237	+1	4.7	12.8
133	73	Flare	133			
99	85	Gibbs & Dandy	93		4.3	
205	160	Graham Grp	199		3.4	17.4
389	312	Halstead (J)	389		2.7	17.1
325	254	Hepworth	303	-2	6.1	14.8
85	39	Hewetson	41		7.8	8.5
288	202½	Heywd Wm	232	+1	7.4	11.9
85	83	Ibstock	66½		3.3	11.0
398	262	Johnston	335		3.9	7.8
108	84	Lilleshall	88	-1	6.9	10.5
139¼	105	Marley	114	+1	5.2	10.0
180	123	Marshalls	141		4.5	10.0
393	289	Meyer Intl	389	+6	3.7	14.7
178	113	Newman Tnks	119	+6	7.2	10.7
108	71	Norcros	84	+4		
20	12	Phoenix Timber	17			16.2
207	138½	Pilkington▼	204	-1½	3.0	16.2
177	122	Polypipe	169	-1	2.0	15.8
1119	849¾	RMC Gp	983	-21	2.7	13.4
18	3	Ransom	5			
470	322	Redland	376	-1	5.5	11.5
122	88	Rockel	85		5.7	9.9
178½	128	Ruberoid	145		5.3	11.7
125	100	Rugby Group	103½	-1½	4.3	13.3
113	88	Russell (A)	113		2.9	15.5
262	204	SIG	204	-3	3.8	11.3
19	11	SMP	11½			
188	156	Sharpe & Fisher	157		4.9	12.5
43	16	Spring Ram	24½		2.6	
130	88	Tarmac	105	+3	6.5	15.9
160	100	Titan	103		6.9	
350	265	Travis Perkins	350		3.2	14.7
36	24	Tudor	30		3.1	17.8
68	33	Waterhouse	50			
136	83	Wistons	123		1.9	22.9
455	324	Wolseley†	449	-1	2.7	15.1

BUSINESS SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2	0¾	Anglo Utd	0¾			
110	57	App Holo	93			
7¼	5¼	Bailey (CH)	6¾			6.9
59	36	Black Arrow†	39		9.9	6.9
89	60	Br Bloodstock	88			28.4
6	3	Cabot Gp	3¾			
9¼	4½	Chemex	6¾	-¼	2.8	
161	135	Cosalt	153		7.4	
277	215	Filofax	257		1.4	17.6
43	24	Headway	32			29.1
436	248	Hozelock	430		2.6	16.4
168	93	Leigh†	95	+1	8.7	11.2
231	102	Nobo Gp	134		5.8	8.8
255	149	Photo-Me†	150		4.2	13.2
68	53	Plant & Gant	56		6.0	6.1
11	8¼	Rodime	1¼			
104	73	Shanks & McEwan†	90		4.7	18.8
213	160	Stocks (Wm)	185		5.1	12.6
480	149¼	Superscape VR	406	-34		
414	241	Waste Mgt Intl	331			12.5
148	73	Waste Recyg	131	-3	1.1	28.4

CHEMICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
198	146	Albright & Wil	155	+1	4.8	16.4
137	103	Allied Colloids	129		2.8	18.6
245	195	Amber Ind†	207		3.4	13.5
73	47	Amberley Gp	72		2.3	30.8
£147¼	£120¾	BASF DM	£144½	+93¼	3.1	
923½	688	BOC†	896	-10	3.8	17.2
393	235	BTP	264		5.3	15.1
£177¼	£141¼	Bayer DM50	£170½	+159¾	3.5	
165	103	Blagden	144			
119	67	Brent Chems	69		5.9	18.9
278	200	Br Vita	213	+1	4.6	13.6
239	184	Canning (W)	238		4.2	14.8
488½	352	Courtaulds†	380	-12	5.1	17.4
397½	310	Croda	335		3.4	14.6
233	125	Doeflex	208		3.5	13.5
282	234	Ellis & Everard	249		4.2	14.5
107	58	Euro Colour†	85		2.8	30.7
224	114	Eibbon	175	-7	4.7	13.7
145	79	Hickson	79		6.6	7.5
£171¼	£129¼	Hoechst	£168¼	+66¾	3.1	
221½	168	Holliday Chem	180	-3	3.8	11.8
849¾	668	ICI	733	+1½	4.9	14.0
350	188½	Inspec	330		1.3	23.0
159	97½	Kalon	107		5.4	12.2
652	589	Laporte	665	-2	4.3	13.7
85	65	MTM	78		2.6	14.0
365	283	Manders	294		4.9	12.8
68	20	Metrotect	37		5.1	13.8
516	382¾	Montedison	437¾	+28¾	4.7	19.5
425	290	Porvair	350	-15	1.8	25.8
250	169	Scapa†	218	+1	3.6	15.5
34	16	Sutcliffe Speakm	27		2.2	33.2
1073½	695¼	Takeda Chem	1004½	-7	0.9	13.4
256	186	Wellington Hdg	249		3.4	19.0
1058	728	Wolstenholme R	983		2.8	16.7
374	258	Yorks Chem	260	+1	4.1	12.7
349	235	Yule Catto	307	-1	3.0	16.3

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
107½	88¾	ABI Leis†	93		5.8	9.5
595	455	Adam & Harvey†	455	-8	5.4	6.8
21	13	Alexanders	17		5.1	28.0
113	85	Appleyard	93		8.1	10.0
4½	3½	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.1	28.5
623	518	BSS Group†	590	-5	4.7	15.2
38	31	Bandl	38			
24½	15½	Bearing Power†	16½		9.5	
28	18	Bogod 'A'	26		3.4	9.2
483	345	Bramner	431		3.9	16.6
21	10½	Bridgend Gp†	17½		1.4	
96	78	Brit Fittings	82		4.9	12.4
270	215	Caffyns†	245		5.9	16.9
88	54	Central Mtr	73		4.6	20.4
61	35	Cook (DC)	57		3.8	8.3
320½	220	Cowie	294	+1	4.0	12.7
155	125	Dag Motors	126		7.1	10.4
598	503	Delmans El	503		1.9	11.1
501	375½	Diploma†	389	+13¾	4.7	
370	236	Electrocomponent	352	-8	2.1	23.9
268	153	Eurodis Elec	265	+1	2.0	18.3
235	64	Eurodollar	72	+2	14.2	4.1
130	87	European Mtr†	96	-1	6.8	8.2
449	280	Evans Halshaw	286		6.8	8.9
732	512	Farnell Elect	714	-11½	1.7	20.8
72	48	Fife Indmar	65		6.2	10.8
24½	15	Gardiner	17½		5.9	7.7
37	16	Glencheviton	35½	-1	1.1	
108	81	Gowrings	86		3.3	14.3
218	148	Harris (Philip)†	216	+½	4.3	13.7
206	142	Headlam	205	+4	2.6	18.0
554	258	Henlys	497	+1	2.5	18.5
137	81	Holders Tech	134		5.6	35.5
163	88	ISA Intl	153	-1	1.3	16.7
430	200	Inchcape†	229	-4	8.2	20.8
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	60		1.6	11.4
187	142	Kwik-Fit	171	-1	3.4	14.6
358¾	264¾	Lex Service	305	+3	5.9	16.2
195	146	Lookers	149		6.4	8.2
22	9	Malaya Grp	11½		5.2	15.5
9¼	5	Middlesex	8¼	+¼	0.7	19.5
71	36	Midstates	38	-1	5.4	
534	330	Norbain†	490	-½	1.9	16.8
268	78	Northamber	258		0.9	20.7
155	135	PCT	137		7.0	9.8
283	225	Pendragon	273		3.8	14.3
166	123	Perry Gp	147		6.5	11.1
148	126	Quicks Group	138	-2	5.2	11.8
198	160	REA	185		2.7	22.0
3¼	2¼	Reece	2¾			
73	48	Ronson	56		2.8	11.4
6½	2½	Russ Gp	3½			
63½	37½	SEP Indl	56	-2	3.5	
17½	8½	Seltaire	12½			
74½	38	DLS	71		3.8	12.1
266	226	Time Products†	249		4.6	14.6
275	151	Vardy (Reg)	273		2.6	17.3
325	240	Wholesale Ftgs	325		4.5	20.3
80	54½	Wilshaw†	56	+½	1.8	13.3
90	56½	Wyko	76	-2	2.1	75.5
118	68	Young (H)†	113	+½	4.3	

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
175	116	Adwest	119	+1	8.2	9.5
353	235	Antofagasta	293		1.9	13.8
940	728¼	Broken Hill	913	-7	2.6	21.1
348	291	BTR	316	-4½	5.5	13.7
582	405	BAT†	547	-3½	5.2	12.4
270½	144	Berisford Intl	187	+4	2.0	
131	71	Bibby (J)†	115		6.2	9.3
51½	40½	Bterley Inv	50	-½	8.7	2.8
948	743	Charter	815		3.8	13.2
314	185	Cookson	287½	-7	3.2	18.3
153	100	Grampian Hdg	134		5.5	15.1
243¼	180¾	Hanson†	184½	-3¼	8.1	10.1
162½	135	Harrisons Cross	145	-1	7.8	15.4
378¼	200¼	Hutch Whamp	375½	-1	2.1	20.0
584½	341¾	Jardine Math	424	+3½	3.8	8.4
37	26	Jourdan (T)†	27		5.8	7.3
178	134	Lundo	174	+1½	3.2	24.0
173	113	McLeod Russel†	166	-3	4.8	
44	34	Porter Chadbn	41			14.0
601	430	Powell Duffryn†	448		7.0	18.4
152	123	Rapier	146		7.1	10.0
178	120	Sime Darby†	164	-2	2.9	15.1
230	164	Stanley†	196	-1	5.4	13.4
207	148	Suter	170		7.1	11.3
286	227	TT Group	267		2.7	15.0
289	214	Tomkins	272	-8½	4.0	15.1
76	18¾	Trafalgar H	23½	-1½		
295	235	Unitas	295		7.7	
400	315	Wardle Storeys†	370		5.8	19.7
300	236	Wassall	247		2.3	14.0
200	152	Whitecroft	188		3.0	14.0
350	298½	Williams Hldg	320	-1½	5.4	14.9

ELECTRICITY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
754½	437½	East Midlands	690	-13	5.4	9.2
978	535	Eastern Grp	973	-1	3.6	13.0
742½	411	London Elect	681	+8½	5.8	8.9
1038	821	Manweb	1024		3.9	13.9
789¼	441¼	Midlands Elec	757	-4½	6.2	9.4
214¼	200	National Grid	200	-3	7.0	9.0
561	421½	National Powr†	427	-9	4.8	8.8
271	136	Natl Power P/P1	136	-9	4.7	9.1
703¼	461	Northern Elec▼	610	+22	7.1	6.0
477	313	Nthn Ireland	438	+4	4.2	9.8
1202	611	Norweb	1018		3.5	10.7
609	457½	PowerGen†	592	-10	4.2	9.2
289	176½	PowerGen (P/P)†	192	-7	4.1	11.2
379	303	Hydro-Elect	357		5.1	9.7
385½	306	Scottish Power	358	-4	5.0	10.4
525	244¼	Seeboard	525	+3	3.5	11.3
941	501½	Sth Wales	941	+1	4.5	8.7
977	548	Southern Elec	983	-5	4.6	11.5
741½	465	Yorkshire Elec	656	-9	6.9	7.0

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
577	292	Acatt	560	-12	1.7	20.4
248	77¼	Acorn Comp	238	+7		
855	625	Admiral	855	+2	1.2	22.4
290	195	Alba	277	-1	2.5	17.9
286½	127½	Amstrad	220	-7½	1.4	
41	30	Arlen	34		2.2	11.8
131	77	Astec	117½	-1½	1.4	18.3
521	118	Azlan	516	+1	0.8	23.0
364	239	BICC†	272½	-2	5.7	16.0
250	215	Bowles Hunter	215		5.9	11.5
523	423	Bick	455		3.6	
435	284	Bowthorpe	419	-5	2.8	19.1
27	17½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	24½	-½	2.1	9.6
201	117	CML Micro	134		5.7	14.0
39	17	Chemrnd Hldgs	27		6.1	7.6
28½	19	Chloride†	23½		1.8	30.0
89	61	Clayhithe	72		5.5	12.0
170	40	Cray Elect	40½	-6½	4.8	
648	462	Critchley†	644	+3½	1.8	22.0
600	330	Dantia Bs Syst	524			
533	373	Delta	383	-6	5.0	13.5
565	365	Domino	404	-4	3.1	13.8
72	61	Dowding Mills	64		5.4	17.0
2575	1485	Druck	2575	+12	0.5	33.8
3340¼	2480¼	Electrolux 'B'	2728¼	-50	4.5	4.2
34½	26	Emess	28		0.4	
1659¼	850	Ericsson 'B'	1262½	+3¼	3.4	8.8
104	64	Eurocopy	73	-1	4.0	
575	370	Eurotherm	554	-15	1.5	25.1
542	375	Fairey Group	533		1.7	22.4
514	165	Filtronic Com	410	-42	0.2	65.6
890	185	Forward Gp†	638	-37	1.3	27.4
100	40	Forward Tech	91	-1	3.4	12.7
341	269	GEC†	318½	-3½	4.5	14.8
171	132	Goseby	127	-1	6.5	11.6
141	75	Ind Control	99		4.5	19.7
30	14	Intelek	25½		3.7	32.4
320	220	Kenwood App	230	-2	5.5	10.1
107	50	Kode	101			
48	28	LPA Ind	34		6.2	24.2
338	266	MTL Inst	280		2.1	15.6
298	240	Meader-Sw	243		2.8	16.0
59¼	30¼	Microvitec	49½	-1	2.0	16.7
446	231	Mitel	422	-8		
464	315	Oxford Inst	405		1.8	16.0
183	51	Pacer Systems	178	+11	2.4	23.4
112	73	Peak†	99½	-1	4.3	16.1
3321¼	1906¼	Philips Lmp NV	2371¼	+84¾	2.1	9.4
349	287	Pifco	211		2.9	13.2
327	197	Pifco 'A' Vtg	201		3.1	12.5
153	116	Plasmec	140		4.0	11.2
153	86	Pressac	146	-1	3.0	
54	23	Prestwick	37	+1		14.7
913	243	Psion	845	-10	0.6	35.7
31	15	Quadrant Grp	17	+1	1.8	47.5
295	217	Racal Elect	272	+2	2.5	20.8
83	44	Radamec	80		3.4	17.7
449	301	Rainford	385½	+3½	0.6	21.7
288	202½	Roxboro	270	-1	2.5	13.3
20½	5	Scantronic	9			
59	38	Silvermines	57	+2	2.4	15.1
67	35	Soundcraft	33		9.5	9.5
240	163	Stewart	240		2.3	16.8
9½	5	TDS Circuits	7			
3468¾	2468¾	TDK	3196¼	-37½	1.0	
376	37	Tadpole Tech	70	-5		
160	57	Telemetrix	124	-28	1.2	17.8
102	83	TGI	91	-1	4.0	10.7
1048	342	Telspec	842	-44	0.6	47.1
298	228	Thorpe FW	241	-1	2.1	14.7
184	130	TLG†	162		1.9	17.5
36	16	Total Systems	22			22.8
320	227	Tunstall	308		1.8	
587	360	Unitech	495	-14	1.9	18.2
13¾	8	Verity	12¼	-¼	1.0	19.5
465	368	Volex	435	+4	5.6	15.3
79	22	Whitebeam	23			3.2
187	122	Wilmson	159	+2	3.6	

ENGINEERING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
347	187	AIM	288	-1	1.9	
97	47¼	APV†	74		5.2	
246	87	ASW	89½		8.9	4.3
37	24	Aero Hamble	30			
157	42	Ahlst	137	-2½	1.8	
176	133	Ash & Lacy	176	+3	4.6	12.1
648	338	Alfas Eqp	645		4.3	22.6
153	118	Ayrshire Metal	126		5.5	7.2
102	79	BI Group	101		5.9	12.9
187	112½	Babcock†	142	-1	2.3	
165	122	BWT†	134	-1	6.8	12.9
105	77	Baynes (Charles)	100		2.8	17.4
39¼	33	Beauford	26		2.2	6.1
130	90	Bertam	85		7.0	
421	388	Bodycote†	412		1.8	21.9
81	33	Booth Inds	40			
21	13½	Brasway	19	+½	4.2	18.2
157½	121	Briden▼	121		4.3	15.2
835	418¼	Br Aerospace	759	-23	1.8	28.3
181	144	Br Steel†	150	-2½	7.1	4.3
14¼	10½	Brooks Tool	11¼		2.1	27.2
49	32½	Bonett	33	-½	1.9	12.9
190	101	Bullough	101		7.5	9.8
123	71	Bundle	94	+1	4.1	13.6
334	235	Carclo Eng	315	-1	4.1	16.6
184	158	Castings	177		2.6	14.2
188	145	Chamberlin Hill	158		5.7	9.4
355	294	Charring	389	-7	3.6	
225	130	Clyde Blowers	199		3.8	44.4
470	332	Cobham	457½		2.4	27.8
726	505	Cohen (A)	645		1.2	5.9
203	146	Concentric	160		5.2	
243	210	Cook (Wm)†	232		4.8	9.1
249	189½	David Brown	198	-1	4.5	12.9
133	68	Dobson Park	130		5.0	28.8
417	330	BSI	383		4.4	13.2
115	91	Elliott (B)†	107	-1	3.2	11.4
94	71	Expamet	91	-2	4.2	17.2
184	130¼	FKI†	162	-2	3.7	15.3
157	116½	Fenner†	128		3.5	12.5
25	1½	Ferron	1½			
40	22	Firth Hldgs	48	+½		22.4
138	77	GEI Intl	117½		3.7	11.7
188	117	Garton Eng	177		4.1	9.6
378	292	Glynwed	304		5.1	12.2
13½	10¼	Graystone†	13		5.0	9.0
89	59	Haden MacLn	80½	-3	3.4	21.1
200	133	Hadleigh†	183		2.8	11.9
215	135	Hall Eng	179		4.2	
175	133¼	Halma	172		1.7	23.0
57	39	Hampson Ind	46	-1	6.1	10.5
37	19	Hay (Norman)	28			
137	106	Hill & Smith	110		6.6	13.8
59	28	Hopkinsons	30		5.4	
41	28	How Gp	34		2.8	
95	68	Howden	87		5.0	8.8
219	182	Hunting	199	+1	6.3	18.7
348½	286	IMI	307	-1	4.4	27.7
67	40½	Johnson & Fbs	60	-½	2.1	
614	499	Johnson Mathy	528	-3	3.0	15.3
52½	28	Jones Stroud	58	+2		
585	310	Kelsey Ind	570		3.5	14.5
290	265	Lincat	288		3.6	14.2
19½	11½	Lecker (T) At	19		2.9	14.6
45	29	ML Hldgs†	37		4.4	12.1
38	19	MS Intl	36		2.1	
234	137	Mang Bronze	224	+3	2.7	11.8
476	378	McKechnie†	433	-1	5.1	12.1
95	61	Meggitt	87		5.6	23.4
126	91½	Metalrax	114		4.1	18.3
138	98	Metsec	98		4.0	20.7
825	487	Molins	775		2.8	13.5
415	293	Morgan Cruc†	385	-3	4.3	18.9
316	178	Motts Ashby†	273		3.2	14.2
53	32	Neepsend†	53		3.8	11.2
70	41	Neolonics	43		4.9	8.8
41½	12	OMI Intl	14½	+½	6.5	
391	233	Powerscreen†	365	+1½	2.0	13.5
15½	4	Prospect Inds	4¾		19.4	
73	60	Radiant Metal	65			
68	41	Ransomes	64			
86	61	Record	65		6.9	13.0
407	235½	Renishaw	385	-2	2.1	24.1
291	180	Renold†	250	-2	2.6	14.1
58	37	Richard (Leics)	37		7.6	12.9
99	66	Richardson West	78		5.8	12.8
194½	148	Rolls-Royce†	175	+½	3.8	25.1
180	158½	Rotork	167	-2	3.7	15.9
183	143	Rubicon	173		5.8	16.6
114	67	Senior Eng	84		4.6	33.2
335	253	Servomex	334		2.7	22.8
156	49	Sedic-Ree	155	+3	1.2	26.8
795	498	Slalo	782	-1	2.0	21.5
99	67	Simon Eng	80	-1		
182	79	Six Hundred†	162		1.7	11.6
1471½	1034¾	SKF 'B'	1249¾	+3½	3.4	11.4
671½	423	Smiths Ind†	645	-23	2.8	20.5
612	431	Spirax-Sarco	597		2.5	18.8
293	227	Sterling Ind	292		3.4	14.0
463	328	TI	427	+2	3.6	30.0
102	92	Tinsley (E)	99		7.3	13.4
181	51	Transtec†	88		2.0	
184	127	Triplex Lloyd†	139	-1	6.3	10.3
18	14	Utd Inds▼	15½		3.0	12.4
15½	5	Verson	10¾	-¼		
283	162	Vickers	255	-7	2.6	20.5
14½	8½	Vibes Grp	12			
734	506	Vistec	692		1.7	17.7
968	722	Vosper Thorny†	787		3.4	14.4
516	435	Wagon Ind	438		5.5	12.4
293	199	Weir	215	-1	4.1	18.1
58½	36	Wellman	49¾		4.2	10.8
503	390	Whatman	420	-2	3.5	13.5
11½	8½	Widney	10		3.5	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
38	23	AAF Inds	25	-1		
294	153	Airflow Stream†	260		3.8	6.1
48½	41	Arnscourt†	42		5.9	12.0
528	440	Avon Rubber†	488	-½	4.5	
291	181	BBA	272	-1	2.3	
72¾	48½	BSG†	57¾		7.0	12.1
13	3½	Beacon Group	6		2.5	
340	265	Beaulson	300		2.6	16.6
24	17	Bensted	18		7.1	
14	9	Cavendale	11½	-½	3.0	7.6
357	245	ERF	249		2.3	14.5
503	370	First Tech	441	-1	2.1	16.5
830	543	GKN	769	-1	3.6	15.7
3350	2343¾	General Mtr	3281¼	+18¾	2.4	
1307	846	Honda Motor	1355¼	-3¾	0.7	
448	304	Laird	370	+1	3.9	14.1
440	345	Lex	415			
212	163	Lucas†	175	-1	5.0	53.4
88	53	Mayflower	94	-½	2.2	24.5
200	150	Sykone	186	-4	3.5	17.2
187	119	T & N	163		4.6	
378	324	Trinity Hldgs	336	-2	2.8	18.1

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
371½	278	AB Food†	369	+7½	3.0	13.1
270	205	Acatos & Hutch	250	+13	4.6	
56	38	Albert Fisher†	49½		9.5	12.1
279	195	Banks (S C)	276	-1	4.5	14.0
387	330	Barr (AG)	340		2.9	15.2
40	15	Bensons Crisp	27	-1		
445	335	Booker†	344		8.2	17.5
47½	31	Borthwick†	34	+½	4.8	24.6
373	191	CPL Aromas†	368		1.4	23.0
557	370	Cadbury-Schw	547	+½	3.6	19.5
320	239	Carrs Milling	318		3.4	
181	93	Cheagan	100		2.8	13.2
198	145	Cranswick	195		5.7	12.3
484	377	Dalgety	395	-8	7.0	11.9
67	33¼	Daniels S	45		0.3	
267	208	Devro	256	-1	3.6	16.1
106	62	Everest	96		5.2	8.6
20¾	3½	Faringdon	17			
78	47	Finlay (James)†	64	-1	6.2	25.5
17½	10	Global	16		4.1	11.1
565	400	Greencore	564		2.7	
133	97	Hazlewood Fdst	85	+1	8.8	7.8
201	150	Hillsdown†	160		7.2	10.7
35	22¼	Holscot	30½		3.3	35.0
85	55	JLI Group	58		11.0	9.6
353	305	Linton Park	311		6.0	7.6
123	94	Matthews (B)	98		4.1	9.3
243	211	Nichols (JN)	233		3.3	15.0
221	165	Nthn Foods	167	-1	6.7	
14	8½	Nthmbn Fo	11½			8.6
230	80	Pascoe's	110			
52¼	9	Pengkalen (UK)	9½			
83	60	Perkins Food	68	+1	8.1	9.8
140	73	SeaPerfect	88			
149	84	Smithy Frms	149		2.9	11.9
78	33	Sims Food†	35	+2	10.7	11.7
479	412	Tate & Lyle†	450	-2½	4.4	9.5
408	284	Trewl	344	+2	1.9	15.5
440	333	Unigate†	403	-6	5.8	13.8
1343	1124	Unilever†	1321		2.6	15.9
9203¾	7200	Unilever (NV)	9203¾	+168¾	2.7	13.6
368	251	Utd Biscuits†	253	+1	6.6	16.0
44	29	WT Foods	29		11.0	16.5
110	80	Yorkshire Food	80		5.6	9.1

HEALTHCARE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1870	770	Amersham†	865	-4	2.5	18.8
102	43	Angen	60			
207	165	Assoc. Nursg	168		2.3	12.9
358	238	Bespak	318		4.0	22.0
510	162	Biocompat Intl	468	-32		
81	60	Care UK	78		1.2	
150	71	Celsis	134	-3		
265	198	Community H	252		4.4	12.9
37	28	CrestaCare	29		3.5	18.1
113	15	Enviromed	25		7.0	3.2
88	54	Ferraris Group†	68	+7	4.3	
166	110	Goldsborough†	124		3.9	
11½	8¼	Greenacre	11½	+¼	4.1	14.0
833	428	Hogg Tec	788		1.1	28.4
77	35¼	Intercare Gp	58	+1	7.9	
418	235	Isotron	305		2.2	17.6
149	85	Life Sciences	88		6.2	9.1
141	85	Lon Intl	124		1.5	
80	41	Nestor-BNA	79		5.0	17.7
60	8	Premier Health	13			0.9
290	230	Quality Care	277	+2	2.1	13.7
248	118	Scholl	185		4.2	
403	311¼	Seton Health	393	-2	2.4	19.1
190	32	Shield Diag	185	-4		
205	152	Smith & Neph	192	+½	3.5	22.2
22	7	Spectelrecs	19			0.7
213	183	Takare	187	-4	1.6	12.9
265	234	UniChem†	252	-3	3.7	14.2
356	283	West Hlthcare	328		2.1	14.6

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
228	173	Airsprung	189		3.8	10.3
162	58	BLP Group	99		3.9	8.1
47½	29	Bilston Battersea	42			22.3
108	56	Coral Fir 'A'	98	+3	0.8	
170	120	Creighton Ntl	123	+¼	7.8	8.9
175	141	Derby Group	172		2.5	
145	127	Gaskell	138		3.6	10.7
463	343	Kwalit	458		2.8	12.9
5	2	Lionheart	2¾			
215	188	McBride	201	-1	4.2	20.3
268	157¼	Maybornn▲	258	-5	3.2	14.5
485	365	Osborne & Little†	390	+½	3.4	10.0
465	403	Paterson Zoch	444	-2	4.2	13.8
420	365	Paterson Zoch 'A'	374	-4	5.0	11.6
714	584	Reckitt Colman†	690	+4	3.5	16.0
291	236	Relyon	269		3.3	17.2
285	237	Royal Doulton	247	-3	3.9	12.3
216	148	Silentnight†	179		5.6	12.0
32½	20	Stoddard	20½		7.5	30.8
210	150	Tomkinsons	168		8.6	
130	75	Victoria Carpet	75	-10	3.3	
108	75	Walker Greenbk	79		5.7	15.1
98	51	Wedgwood	61		1.7	28.5
225	155	Wood (Arthur)	175		3.0	13.8

INSURANCE

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1675	1187½	Alex & Alext	1275	-12½	5.1	
2481½	1787½	Am Gen	2212¾	+43½	3.6	
98	78	Angerstein	89		4.3	28.3
83	51	Archer	56		2.3	
78	44	Bradstock	72		10.5	
744	385	Britannic	735	-1	2.4	
98	84	CLM Insce	94		2.8	
654	473	Gen Union	614	-12	5.5	9.8
1660	1085	Dom & Gen	1535	+10	2.7	15.5
194	158¾	FBD IE	186¾	-2	4.0	7.9
184	126	Fenchurch Gp	141		7.9	
107	82	Finsbury Undr	106		2.0	53.0
707	430	Gen Accident†	643	-16	5.9	8.6
292	160¼	GRE†	259	-10¼	4.1	5.8
97	79	HCG Lloyds	90¼		4.4	90.0
249	145	Heath C E†	150		11.7	9.4
296½	203¾	Hibernian IE	279½	-4½	3.6	28.3
111	88	Hiscox Select	105		2.8	41.4
383	256	Independent	335		3.8	7.4
260	178	Irish Life	253		5.3	22.2
138	103	JIB Group	104		9.0	12.2
102	97	Kiln Capital	99		5.1	
722	414	Legal & Gen	666	-7	4.2	19.7
2025	1296¼	Liberty Life	2000		0.9	6.0
182	135½	Lloyd Thomp	164	-7	6.9	9.9
486	317	Lloyds Abbey	463	-6	5.4	14.3
425	303	Londn & Man	409	-3	5.4	16.7
106	92	London Ins Mkt	100½		3.6	29.6
185	126	Lowndes Lmb	149	-2	7.5	7.9
5858	4787½	Marsh McLn	5812½	+12½	3.6	
101	79	Mealbest	99		3.2	26.4
181	136	Nelson Hurst	142		6.2	9.1
89	65	New London Cap	83		5.6	29.9
65	34	Ockham	52		7.4	
110	90	Orial	105		6.2	11.9
82	69	Pantamis Trnst	81		4.6	18.5
122	85	Pantamis Undr	122			
449	280	Prudential	420	-8	4.4	17.9
38	13	PWS	20			
473	321	Refuge	445	-10	3.5	30.9
426	285	Royal	371	-18	4.4	7.2
169	104	Sedgwick	126	+2	6.6	10.2
130	35	Stad Bustill	35	-1	26.8	3.5
414	281	Sun Alliance	373	-9½	5.4	10.6
94	66	Syndicate Cap	92		3.7	28.5
81	61	Trade Indemnity	73		1.9	32.5
717	458	Utd Friendly	709	-1	3.7	15.2
172	118	Willis Corroon†	144	-1	5.7	
24	12	Windsor	15		4.2	5.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
447	333	3i†	417½	-2	2.2	
81	62	Abtrust Emerg	69	-1	0.4	
84	73	Abtrust High Inc	78½	-½	9.9	
230	182	Abtrust N Dawn	207½		0.7	
2047	1682	Alliance	2016	-28	3.2	
297	238	American Trust	286½	-5½	2.4	
485	391	Anglo & O'seas	482	-1	1.7	
151	105	Baillie Gifford SH	129½	-1½		
215	172	Bankers	209	-3½	2.5	
46½	28¼	Baring Em Eu	38			
364	300	Baring Tribune	363	-1	2.3	
90	84¼	Br Assets†	92½	-1½	6.2	
87¼	83	Br Empire Sec	93¼	-½	1.3	
37½	25	Br Empire Wts	34½			
233	194	Br Inv†	227		1.9	
101	69	Brazilian	69	-4½		
265½	211	Brunner	259	+1	2.8	
136	115	B2W Conv†	129½	-1	7.5	
508	318	Candover	502		3.1	
53	34¼	Central Euro Grth	35½		1.4	
185	144	China & Eastern	175	-1	2.6	
188	161	CtaB Asset	180¼		2.1	
80	75	Dasas Inv Inc	75		13.3	
345	278	Derby Cap	340	-3		
166	148	Derby Inc	158		14.4	
736	617	Dunedin Inc G	705	-6	4.8	
91	73	Dunedin Japan	86	-1		
333	296	Dunedin Smlr†	317	+1	3.5	
42	18	Dunedin Wts	24½	-½		
801	678	Dunedin Wrde†	777	-3	1.5	
109½	82¾	Edin Dragon	101	-1		
43¼	21¼	Edinburgh Inca	24¼			
339	281	Edinburgh	316	-4	3.8	
182	127	EFM Japan	160	-1		
376	307	Electra Inv	362½	-1	2.8	
220	180	Electric Gen	210		1.9	
145	108	English Scot	144			
350	273	European Asset	334½	-½	1.9	
199	147½	Fidelity Euro Val	193	-1	0.2	
83	62¾	Fidelity Jap Val	74½	-¼	0.2	
109	81	Fidelity Spec Val†	105	-1	0.6	
175	148	Finsbury 'A'	172		3.5	
80	62	First Spanish	77		0.4	
338	267	Fleming Amer	291	-4	0.7	
74	51½	Fleming Chinese	54½		1.1	
39	20	Fleming Ch Wts	26½	-½		
254	198	Fleming Claver	251	-1	2.9	
357	288½	Fleming Contl	343	-2	1.2	
158	125	Fleming Em Mkts	143½	-1½		
258	199	Fleming Entp	250	-1	2.5	
380	278½	Fleming F East	335	-3	0.6	
402	327	Fleming Fledg	388		0.9	
105	90	Fleming Hi Inc†	98		5.9	
87	53	Fleming Indian	53½	-1	2.8	
46	24	Fleming In Wts	28½	-½		
40	29	Fleming Intl	38½		11.7	
269	203	Fleming Japan	258	-3		
303	252½	Fleming Merc	287	-2	3.1	
97	72½	Fleming Nat Res	94	-1		
335	269	Fleming Overs	331	-3	1.7	
164	124	Foreign & Col	160	-2½	1.5	
110	91	For & Col Inc Grth†	105		3.9	
120½	93	Frgn Emg Mkts	101½	-1		
87	67½	Frgn Enterprise	86		1.2	
283	204½	Frgn Eurotst†	255½	-½	0.6	
135	115	Frgn German	125½	-½	0.5	
181½	137¼	Frgn Pacific	177½	-2½	1.0	
139	120	Frgn PEP†	136		3.5	
176	153	Frgn Smaller	172½		1.5	
132	90	Frgn US Smlr	130	-1		
24	17½	Fulcrum Cap	18			
46	33	Fulcrum Inc†	34			
164	141	Fulcrum Zero	163½			
220	188	Gartmore Brit	219		4.2	
213	174	Gartmore Ent	212		2.4	
169	127	Gartmore Eurot	169	+1	0.9	
101	84	Gartmore Shsd	90		13.3	
249	207	G'more Smlr Cos†	244		2.9	
100	84	Geared Inc Inv	87		11.9	
183	138	Geal Cons Cap	174	-1		
113	104	Genl Inc†	105		11.1	
105	86	German Inv	99½	-1½	0.3	
246	192	Gov Asn Sm Cos	208	-2	0.2	
119½	88	Gov Eng Mkts	101¼	-¼	0.4	
197	135	Govett Am Smlr	191	-2		
89	71	Gov Glob Smlr	84			
86	70	Govett High Inc†	74	+¼	9.5	
381	332	Govett Oriental	357½	-3	0.4	
294	223	Govett Strategic†	289	-2	2.9	
443	361	Greenfriar	437		2.0	
19	8	Gresham House	6			
95	90	Guin Fl Er Inc	94			
251	191	GT Japan	242½	-3½	0.6	
136	113	H Govett Smlr	129½	-½	1.9	
128	113	Hend High	119	-5	6.0	
360	258	Hend Strata	360	+1	0.5	
134	80	Herald	126½		0.5	
106	79	High Income Tr	79	-1½	10.1	
107	67½	HTR Jap Smaller	93½	-1¼		
17	12	I&S Ent	15			
119	93	I&S UK Smllr	115	-1	3.0	
139	118	Inv Cap	139		4.8	
121	78	Int Biotech	102		1.2	
57	20	Int Wts	36			
99	74	INVESCO Asia	94½	-¼		
72	51	INVESCO Blue†	62		16.9	
138	88	INVESCO Eng Intl	138		0.7	
149	122	INVESCO Korea	132	-3½		
61	49	INVESCO Tokyo	54½	-1		
94	82	J Fry 2nd Ut	90½	-½	9.3	
81	81	J Fry Euro U	81	-1	6.8	
237	174	JF Fledg Jap	234	-1½		
127	99	Jupiter Intl Grn	127		3.3	
249	194	Klnwt Chrt	243	-1	2.8	
121	95½	Klnwt E Mkt	112½	-1		
131	110	Klnwt End	131	+½		
84½	73	Klnwt Euro Prvt	81	-1	3.6	
27½	21	Klnwt Euro Wts	22¼			
91	74	Klnwt H Inc†	78	-1	13.8	
273	213	Klnwt O'seas	269	-2	1.6	
140	111	Klnwt Smlr	137		2.2	
605¼	427¼	Korea—Euro	588¼	+¼	0.1	
125½	71	Latin American	95½	-½		
998	718	Law Debenture	944	-5	2.8	
102	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	101	-1		
29½	28	Lloyds Sm Div	28½		17.5	
130	102	Lloyds Sm Pkg	128		3.6	
178	160	Lon St Laurence	175		4.5	
355	283	Lowland†	338		3.7	
1387½	1125	Lydenburg	1225		1.9	
665	503	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	638	-5		
125	110	M&G 2nd Dual In	114		26.8	
3073	2533	M&G Dual Cap	3035	-10		
313	210	M&G Dual Inc	228			
66½	60	M&G Inc Growth†	65¼		9.7	
32	26¼	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	31½	-¼		
37½	31½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inct	34		18.8	
130	116	M&G Inc Package†	129		4.9	
68½	54¼	M&G Inc Zero Div	65¼			
30¼	23	M&G Rec Cap	27½			
61½	48	M&G Rec Growth†	48½	-½	10.2	
30	24¼	M&G Rec Inct	25½		19.9	
142	127	M&G Rec Pacget	142		3.5	
92	73	M&G Rec Zero Div	91½	-½		
122	100	M Currie Euro	114		0.4	
99	93½	M Currie Japan	97	-1		
152	119	M Currie Pac	137		0.1	
219	182	Majedie†	218		3.3	
57	42	Mandalin	43			
288	241	Merchants	282½	-2	5.1	
92½	78½	Mercury Euro Pvt	89½		1.9	
32	23¼	Mercury Eu Wt	25½	-½		
99	78	Mercury World	91		0.9	
31	14	Mercury Wld Wts	15¼	-¼		
577	482	Monks Inv Tst	566	-6	2.0	
164	125	Morg Gren Inct	157		4.0	
63	40¼	Morg Wts	58			
86	48	Morg Lale Amer	58			
49	20	Morg Wts	21½			
130	104	Murray Eur▼	116	+½	2.5	
34	19	Murray Ent Wts	18½			
92	72¾	Murray Emg Eco	80½		1.4	
40	18	Murray Em Ec Wt	20¾			
65	54	Murray Euro	55½		0.8	
17½	6½	Murray Eu Wts	6½	-1		
379	308	Murray Income†	375	-½	4.0	
382	296	Murray Intl	379	-½	4.2	
183	162½	Murray S/C DP	183			
151	126	Murray S/C Cap	144	-1		
81	73	Murray S/C Inct	73		17.8	
3250	2900	Murray S/C Ulsi	3025		0.4	
460	376	Murray Smalt	435	-1	1.3	
377	308	Murray Vent	362	-1	4.1	
19	11	Newmarket	15			
61	53	Nethrog Inc	59		10.2	
79	61	Nethrog Cap	68	-1		
375	316	O'seas Inv Tst†	374	-1	1.2	
199	156	O'seas Wts	174			
141	90½	Pacific Assets	126½	-1	0.3	
95	73½	Perpetual Jap	85¼	-1½		
288	216	Perpl UK Sm Co	288		1.0	
£112½	8425	Personal Assets	£112		2.2	
125	105	Pilot Inv†	105		2.3	
113¼	87¼	Prolific Inc	112½		4.0	
212	164	BIT Cap Ptnr	208		0.9	
36	36½	River Merc Am Cap	35½			
105	97	River Merc Am Inc	104		9.4	
11	6½	River Merc Am Wts	9¼			
134	114	River Merc Cap	129			
97	77½	River Merc Er Inc	89		11.0	
16	7	River Merc Ex Inc Wt	7			
85	78	River Merc Grd Inct	83		11.4	
29	25½	River Merc Grd Pd	27			
112	106	River Merc Tst Inct	106		10.8	
141	112	River Merc Sm Co	136		4.0	
43	20	River Merc Sm Wt	34			
465	394	Robeco	465		3.1	
492	388	Rolinco	490		1.6	
117	103	Schrod Inc Growth	113			
96	67	Schrod Jap Growth	90¼	-1		
861	635¼	Schrod Korea	845	+½		
298	146	Schrod Medn	283	-1	0.3	
30	22½	Schrod Spld Cap	22¾	-¼		
113	100	Schrod Spld Inct	102		9.6	
129½	109½	Schrod Spld Zero	129½			
122	88	Schrod UK Growth	118	-½	2.5	
257½	200	Scot	256	-½	2.8	
171	147½	Scot American†	160	-1½	3.9	
305	216	Scot Asian	288	-2		
815	555	Scot Inv	758			
95	74¾	Scot Eastern	91½	-1½	2.2	
252	206	Scot Mige	249½	-1½	2.3	
97	78½	Scot Nat Tst†	93	-½	10.3	
117	100	Scot Value†	111		2.3	
1850	1483	Second Alliance	1840	-9	3.1	
93	76	Secs Tst of Scot	90½	-½	4.7	
150	124	Selective Asset†	144		1.4	
142	123	SHIRESCO†	136		5.2	
357	289	St Andrew Inv	349		3.0	
391	318	Temple Bar	384	-2	4.6	
114	90	Thmpln Asian E	106	-1	0.6	
61	16½	Throg Dual Cp	58	-1		
85	68	Throgmorton	76½	-1½	3.8	
134	98	Tplton Emg Mkt	121½	-½	0.8	
172	139½	TR City Of Lon	169	-½	4.0	
202	158	TR Euro Growth	198	-1	1.1	
175	127	TR Far East†	169	-2	4.5	
133	113	TR High Inc	128	-½	6.2	
119	80	TR Pacific	110½	-1	0.2	
31½	26¼	TR Property†	27¾		4.3	
208	171	TR Smlr Cos	201½	-½	2.4	
208	100	TR Tech Inv	187	-6	1.8	
241	175	Tetley Trust	183		1.5	
258	217	USDC Invest	256		2.2	
117	93	Undervalued Ast	114	-1	1.9	
130	108	Value Inc Tst†	125	-1	4.3	
88	78	Voyager Er Sm	79		0.8	
38	30¼	Warrants & Val	33½			
66	56	Wigmore†	60		1.7	
266½	211¼	Witan	262	-2½	3.0	
99	77	Yeoman Inv†	77		22.2	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
60	25	Abrdn Stk H	50			
449	308	Airtours	365	+13	4.9	10.3
44	14¾	Ald Leis▲	41			15.6
153	59	Alpha Airpt	104½	-2½	5.7	10.4
61	38	Arcadian	57	-1	1.8	
185	118	BS Group	126		3.0	17.3
168	111	Baldwin	154	-1	3.6	12.4
235	197	Barr & Wall	219		6.3	11.6
384	202	Bluebird Toys	324	-1	3.2	10.6
480	333	Boosey Hwks	478		1.6	26.2
76	42	Bet for the Bett	67		3.1	17.5
3¼	1¾	Brent Walker	1¾			
46	33	Burndene	38		6.2	13.3
28½	5¼	Castell Plc	8½		5.9	
350	248	Chrysalis	350		1.0	
97	70½	City Centre Rest	95		2.6	18.4
471½	305	Compass Gp	471	+5	2.0	
288	201	Eurocamp	209		6.4	9.8
250	118	Euro Disney	165			
181	93	Euro Leisure	170			5.1
118½	56	First Choice	64		7.1	12.5
363	262	First Leisure	359	-3	2.5	21.3
356	224½	Forte	333	+1½	2.8	37.9
175	133	Friendly Hotels†	150		4.8	17.6
709	476	Granada	631	-1	2.4	15.1
207	108	Groupe Chez Ger	202		1.5	24.0
38	16	Hi-Tec Sports	32		5.0	
168	96	Hornby	148		4.2	12.7
231½	134	Jurys Hotel	231¾	+2¾	3.3	14.8
26½	14¾	Kunick	23½	-1½	3.3	
443	264	London Clubs†	417	-1	4.2	14.9
187½	122	Ladbroke	153½	+3½	4.9	46.6
64	29	Magnolia	29		0.4	
213	132	Man Utd	191	-1	2.9	8.0
97¼	58	Mandarin Ornl	78	-2	4.6	16.8
152½	92½	My Kinda Town	122	-3	30.7	12.1
97	66	Northern▼	89	-3	5.6	10.8
121	70	Pelican Gp	111		1.9	23.0
221	121	PizzaExpress	216	-1	1.3	25.6
141	76	Prism Leisure	135	+4	4.4	10.2
20	5¾	Queens Moat	14	-½		
285	217	Ramadus (H)	247	-1	2.3	29.0
464	358	Rank Org	432	-8	4.0	14.6
37	25	Ryan Hotels IE	34		4.7	11.9
1058	845	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1050		0.8	55.4
88½	74½	Stakis	81	+½	2.7	
398	314	Stanley Leisure	362	+1	2.1	17.0
346	280	Tanjong	346		1.0	23.2
1614	897	Thorn EMI	1561	-21	2.9	24.5
236	117	Tottenham Hot	230		1.6	7.5
113	83	Toy Options	94	-6	3.5	
250	181	VCI	250		2.1	17.1
156	103½	Vardon	104	-1	1.8	15.6
650	216	Wembley	303	-2		
135	96	Zetters Gp	128		9.8	10.0



MEDIA

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
490	335	Abbott Mead	474		2.1	29.1
310	260	Adscene	270		3.7	15.0
40	22	Aegis Gp	38¼			15.3
7¼	1¾	Allied Radio	3¾			
13	9	BBB Design	11			
315	155	Barbour Index	310		3.6	38.2
10½	4½	Bitdale	8	+¼		
345	315	Black (A&C)	325	-5	5.4	12.6
281	174	Blenheim Gp†	248		5.2	15.3
254	196	Border TV	254	+9	2.1	20.8
366	335	Bristol†	355	+6	4.7	18.3
461	242	BSkyB	408	-7	0.8	46.2
150	126	CIA Gp	134		1.8	26.4
30	22	Caledonian Med	25			
513	343	Capital Radio†	513	+1	2.5	
1082	851	Carlton Comm	944	-15	1.9	
100	83	City of Lon†	85		7.4	10.8
116	63	Cordiant▲	92	-2½		
1431¼	1181¼	Daily Mail	1309¾	+6¼	1.7	
1209¼	958¾	Daily Mail 'A'	1159¾	+31¼	1.9	
358	295	Dorling Kind	333	-3	0.9	43.5
574	385	EMAP†	539	-5	2.5	21.0
904¼	584¼	Elsevier	847¼	+3	2.6	21.1
1655	930	Euromoney Pb	1065	+2	5.3	
25½	10	Flach	22			14.5
509	333	Flextech	474	-11		
240	143	GGT Group	239		2.8	19.4
179	109½	GWR Gp	179		1.6	
203	203	Grahouse Group	203		2.7	13.3
26	13	Goodhead	18		0.3	
220	130½	Grampian†	219		2.7	18.6
302	132	HTV Group	292	-10	1.2	31.2
359	255	Haynes Pub	288		4.1	14.2
50	17	Highbury Hse	23			
390	233	Hodder H'line	253		3.0	15.7
162	137	Home Counts	162	+2	4.2	18.5
348	228	IBC	290	-2	3.4	12.4
13½	6¼	Incepta	10½			5.1
398	248	Independent	395		2.8	18.9
135	98	Intereurope	100		9.8	
169	136	Johnston Press	148		1.7	17.9
25	15	Lopex	16		3.9	15.4
355	63	MAID	232	-16		
657	538	Metal Bulletin	649	-1	2.5	27.3
133	109	Midland Ind	127		3.3	13.3
189½	120	Mirror Gp	179	+2½	2.6	11.7
483	344	More O'Ferrall	456	+1	3.7	18.8
385	231	News Corp	366	-6	0.4	10.9
338	207	News Intl	319	-1	1.3	12.6
35	15	Osprey Comms	21	-1	1.2	
686	539	Pearson	609	-5	3.2	17.8
267½	155	Phonelink	188	+1		
606	523	Portsmth Sundl	580		2.6	14.6
291	210	Quarto	253		3.1	12.9
1050	712	Reed Intl	965	-8	2.9	25.0
631	404	Reuters	574	-21	1.8	24.4
334	222½	Scott Radio	313		2.6	
515	393	Scot TV	490	-1	4.0	32.2
35	20¼	Select TV	30	+2		50.9
41	32	Shandwick	36½		4.5	8.5
65	33	Sleepy Kids	40	-1		21.4
274	222	Southnews†	258	-1	2.3	16.0
98	20	Sterling Pub	26			
45	33½	Taylor Nelson	41		2.1	20.8
453	355	Telegraph	430		3.9	31.4
115	102	Television Cp	105		5.1	
885	725	Thomson Corp	835	-15	5.2	17.6
352	301½	Trinity Intl	340	-1	3.9	13.1
1043	632	Ulster TV	1043	+20	2.7	20.2
571	464	United News	550	-10	5.2	14.4
131	85	VTR†	127		4.3	13.1
167	101	WPP	160	+6	0.9	22.1
68	55	Wilmington	67			31.5
702	365	Yorkshire TV	686	-3	1.3	74.3

MINING

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4625	3693¾	Ang Am Coal†	3912½		3.0	14.5
4196¼	2846¼	Ang Am	4062½	+3¼	2.1	29.8
6487¼	4975	Ang Am Gold	5296¼	-190¾	4.2	15.1
32	22	Anglo Pac Res	25			
40¼	17	Ascon Intl	24			
1600	1100	Ashanti	1300	+16¾	1.9	
117	74	Ashton	87	-10	6.1	
263	133	Bateychik	260	+5		
622	337¼	Beatrix	560½	-7¼	3.9	25.7
34	28	Bischi	30	-1	3.0	
117½	78¼	Blyvoors	100¼	-1¼		
37	24	Bougainville	31	+1		
18	7¼	Bracken	9¼			9.1
583¼	219¼	Buffels	219¼	-16¼		
4	1¼	Butte	2¼			
1076	781	CRA	1039	-16	2.6	24.0
65	40	Central Pacific	64	+2		
107	41	Chief Res	106			
120	76	Cod Inv	36	-1		
225	117	Cons Murchison	121		5.1	3.2
2043¼	1262¾	De Beers	1993¾	+25	2.7	22.1
108¼	47	Deelkraal	52	-2	1.7	
997¼	693¼	Driefontein	787¼	+½	4.2	24.0
785¼	409¼	Durban	487½	+12½		
210¼	127¼	E Rand Gold	162½		13.6	7.3
76¼	31½	E Rand Prop	32½			
70	45	Eastern Trans	64		1.8	61.7
450¼	271¼	Elandsrand	318¼	-16	3.1	10.8
415	285	Eng China Cl	305		6.7	14.8
975¼	519¼	FS Cons	548¼	-20	5.0	19.9
62	31	FS Dev	36		3.4	
2087½	1418¾	GFSA	2006¼	-81¼	1.9	27.1
63	40	GM Kalgoorli	60	-1	2.4	
244¼	188½	Gencor	230¼		1.5	20.3
155	136	Gold Fields Prop	154		6.9	6.9
19	12¼	Greenwich R 'A'	14¼			
182¼	116¾	Grootvlei	146¾	-3¼	8.1	18.3
108¼	76¼	Gwalia Cons	103½	-2½	0.9	19.9
657½	457¼	Harmony	589¼	-19¼	1.2	17.0
296¼	155¼	Hartest	162½	-3¼	9.2	12.1
1743¼	1150	Impala Plat	1316¼	+9¾	2.4	19.3
132	77	Kidston	86	-4	14.0	7.8
1087¼	478¼	Kinross	806¼	+3¼	7.3	7.2
946¼	590	Kloof	601¼	-40¼	4.4	22.6
124½	65	Leslie	68¼	-1¼	11.7	5.7
288	174¼	Lorraine	189¼			
21	12	Medalliana	15	-1		
113	77	MIM	87	-4	2.8	
1926	1250	Minorco	1875	-50	2.2	23.5
181	36	Monarch	85			
165	90	Montague	160		2.4	12.1
109	80	MSMT	80	-3	8.6	7.2
191	133	Nth Brkn Hill	175	-1	3.0	26.4
108	66	Pancontinental	102	+1		
265	123	Peterhu Tin	133	+5	0.9	
182	116	Placer Pac	130	-11	2.2	
548	317	RJB	548		2.9	15.2
957	721	RTZ	946	-½	3.3	13.7
54	24	Rockwood	49		2.6	12.5
743¼	543	Rand Mines	543		2.7	37.3
727¼	320½	Randfontein	414¼	-36¼	8.3	17.1
325	175	Renison	318	-7	1.5	13.2
1753¼	1090¾	Rustnbg	1168¼		3.3	
73	35	St Barbara	39		3.7	9.6
623¼	324	St Helena	369¼	-16	14.8	5.6
365	207	Sons Gwalia	350	-10	3.4	22.4
38	16	Siberia Pacific	28	+2		
2016¾	1353¼	Southvaal	1651¼	+9¼	4.6	21.8
123	38¼	Stilfontein	48¼		25.5	4.9
210½	123¼	Unisel	170¼		6.8	12.3
5800	3358¾	Vaal Reefs	4387½	-171¼	3.7	9.5
19	8	Wastes Col Z	16	-½	7.7	3.8
1¾	0¾	Water Hall	1¾			
593	473	Welts Blake	520		3.4	17.5
2587¼	1653¼	Western Deep	2250	-71¼	2.7	11.5
449¼	302	Western Mng	433	-4¼	1.3	44.1
681¼	418¼	Winkels	468¼	-18¼	8.2	9.4
48	30	Zambia Copper	30			
53	28	Zandpan	30		7.7	

OIL & GAS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
62	34	Abbot Group	56			
79½	39¼	Aran Energy	77			
56½	41	Aus Oil & Gas	46¼			
58	37	Aviva Pet	39	-2		
330	220	Br Borneo	328		2.9	15.3
317½	222½	British Gas	229	-½	7.9	15.3
546¼	392	Br Petroleum†	526	-7½	3.3	15.3
3	2	Bula Resources	2	-¼		
999	815	Burmah Castrol	918	-10	4.2	15.0
115	69¼	Cairn Energy	115	+1		
280	218	Calor Gp	241		6.5	13.4
61½	36	Clyde Pet	61½	+2½	2.1	12.9
14	5¼	Coplex Res	9¼			
2¼	1½	Dragon Oil	1½			
22½	18	Edin Oil & Gs	21½			12.1
424	329	Enterprise	378	-9	5.3	21.4
280	230	Flogas	235		5.4	10.7
8½	5	Fortune	8			59.0
98	62	Goal Pet	96½		1.9	14.7
42	11½	Gt Western Res	11½	-½		
198	129	Hardy O & G	197	+2	0.6	
7¼	4¼	Int Tool & Sup	5¼			
228	156	JKX Oil & Gas	157	-3		
186	139	LASMO	175	-1	0.7	
56	33	Lasmo Units	40		25.9	
70½	37	Monument	58			36.8
2918¼	2134¼	Norsk Hydro	2693¼	-3½	1.6	14.7
50	27	Oceanics	27	-1		
58	38	Oil Search	55	-1		
41½	27	Petrac	27	-½		
29½	22½	Premier	26¼	+½		15.9
43	11	Presidio#	11			
96	41	Pittencrieff Rs	49		1.3	
388	221	Ramco Egy	378	-2	0.3	52.2
453	330	Ranger	400		5.2	
8925	6865¼	Royal Dtch Fl	8896¼	+112½	4.1	16.4
4496¼	3216¼	Schlumberger	4428¼	-46¼	2.2	
49	24	Scott Pickford	30		3.8	20.6
116	72	Seafield	72	-1		37.7
862½	687	Shell	842	-1½	4.3	18.7
4316¼	3234¼	Total	4162¼	+12¼	3.8	14.6
14½	8½	Villiers Grp	12			
343	221	Woodside	343	+19	1.1	
58	28	XCL	29			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
101	75	BWD	80	-1	6.6	13.0
78	38	Berry Bch Nbl	40		8.1	11.3
285	148	Burtac Inv	240	-8		
158	112	Brown Dolphin	155		4.8	16.1
718	625	Caledonia†	718		3.0	22.3
2400	1900	Camellia	2000		2.3	18.4
22½	13	Carlisle	18½	+½	1.7	19.7
217	142	Cattles	212	-½	3.6	18.7
35	16	Charlle	24			
17¼	13½	EFG	16½	-½	3.8	3.3
89	61	EFT Group	92		2.5	16.6
775	653	ERM	663	-5	4.5	15.5
186	109	Exco	110		6.8	5.6
305	161	Gartmore	280		2.5	24.3
379	220	Govett	237		8.0	3.8
1272	963	Henderson Adt	1158	-5	4.9	23.6
266	162½	Invesco	254	-5	2.4	17.5
49	41	Investment Co	41		7.1	12.3
234	198	Ivory Sime	232½	+½	4.2	17.1
249½	164½	Jardine Strat	187¾	+2¼	5.0	6.0
144	85	Johnson Fry	114		4.4	8.0
217	131	Lon Forfaiting	217		5.5	15.5
171	116	Lon Scot Bk	170		3.2	19.8
182	147½	Man ED & F†	147½	-¼	8.1	7.5
1353	953	M & G	1263	-5	3.2	
346	224	MAI	302½	-8	3.6	15.0
130½	78	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	117½	-3	6.5	
966	680	MAM†	878	-8	3.9	19.4
130	90	Nat Home Loan†	103		7.2	3.6
1850	1150	Perpetual†	1845	+35	2.7	
852	515	Provident	814	-14	3.8	17.8
330	245	Rathbone Bs	325	+1	3.7	16.7
41½	24½	Rutland Tst	39	-½	4.2	17.0
355	281	S & U	291		5.6	8.6
133	105	SJP Capital†	112		3.3	21.2
525¼	305¼	Soiro Pacific	492½	-4	2.5	19.3
78	42	Towry Law	44		7.1	
371	302	Transatlantic	351		5.0	23.5
26	5	Trio Hldgs	5		2.5	8.2
26	19	Western Select	23		1.4	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2100	425	Brit Biotech	1720	+112		
345	103	Cantab Pharms	338			
614	233½	Celltech	588	+9		
375	92½	Chiroscience	339	-25		
188	31	Cortecs	162	-8		
268	103	Fisons	264		1.2	
912½	587	Glaxo Wellcome	885	-14½	4.2	20.3
294	162	Medeva	283	+1	1.7	16.9
719	273	Scotia	558	-31		
714	444	SmithKline 'A'†	671	-18½	2.5	19.9
703	416	SmithKline Ulst	668	-19½	2.5	19.8
1337½	840	Zeneca	1239½	-15½	2.8	25.3

PRINTING & PAPER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
142	120	AG Holdings†	130		5.5	12.0
553	377	API	553		2.3	
290	147½	Arjo Wiggins	156	+1½	6.0	7.0
50	31	Ashgury Grp	50			
250	162	Aspen Comm	239		3.0	17.8
426	347	Bemrose	397		4.2	12.8
3471½	1675	Bowater Inct	2184¾	+40¾		
429	260	Boxmore Intl	430	-2	1.4	19.7
700	474	Br Polythene	649		2.8	14.8
40	22	Br Thornton	23	-4	10.9	7.8
162	112	Britton Grp	160		2.1	17.0
218	159	Bunzl†	196½	+½	3.3	13.5
187	137	Capital Inds	172		3.6	12.3
2916¾	2046¾	Carraud Mtl	2912½	+31¼	2.0	17.3
314	237	Cropper (James)†	287	-2	1.6	19.1
1054	625	De La Rue†	638	+3	4.6	13.4
108	52	Delyn Group	88	-4	2.7	11.6
131	93	Dolphin Pack	131		4.5	16.6
100	81	Fairway Group	95		4.9	13.9
352	205	Ferguson Intl	225	+5	7.4	9.9
192	102	Ferry Pick	192		3.9	17.2
206	138	Inveresk	176		4.0	15.7
295	245	Jarvis Porter†	282	-1	2.8	15.0
548	381	Low & Bonar	467	-3	3.2	14.1
74	50	MY Holdings†	66		3.8	12.9
224	152½	Macfarlane	204	+2	2.1	19.3
332	150	Photobition	325	+15	2.4	21.8
230	163	Prysa	180	-1	4.9	19.1
519	327	REXAM	352	-1	5.0	11.4
461	324	St Ives Gp	455	-1	2.3	17.9
1329¾	886	Sappi	901¼	-15¼	0.6	
9½	5½	Senl	7½			
205	125	Sidlaw†	126		10.9	
339	241	Smith David	270½	+5½	3.2	10.6
215	151	Smurfit (Jeff)	151	-5	3.1	8.8
99	79	Sonicf	79		4.7	6.8
261	213	Wace	244	-1	2.9	11.5
235	187	Waddington (J)†	209		5.3	12.6
445	350	Watmough	435	-1	2.5	18.5
193	131	Wyndeham	188		3.0	17.0

PROPERTY

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	61	Allied Lon†	61½	-½	8.1	5.6
316	255	Argent	294½	-1½		
90	66	Artesian Ests	71	-1	2.6	17.1
128	103	Asda Prop	120		2.6	30.0
258	210	Billton	213		5.8	15.1
215	131	Birkby	134		7.2	8.0
27	7	Bolton Gp	20	-½		
73	43	Bourne Endt	43		3.3	57.9
203	171	Bradford†	201	+10	4.6	18.7
123	96	Brightstone	98		5.0	45.9
436	354	Br Land	366	-5	2.5	30.6
202	163	Brixton	174	-2½	6.1	16.1
106	60¼	Burford	102		2.5	27.2
101	92	CLS Hldgs	93		6.8	12.7
172	131	Cap & Regnl	148		1.9	16.0
235	187	Cap Shop Ctrs	216	-3	4.1	25.7
225	153	Cardiff Prop	153		2.1	27.7
29½	10	Cathay Intl	12			
190	143	Chelsfield	172		1.9	37.7
468	422	Chesterfield†	436		3.7	19.0
88	55	Chesterton Int	64½		5.8	9.1
53	36	City Site Ests	38	+1		8.9
8	5	Clarke Nickolls	7½		3.7	10.6
102	97	Compco	102		4.1	12.9
30	19	Con Rlttal	25	+2	2.9	27.9
1205	1160	Daejan	1160		3.4	11.2
7	2½	Daws Estates	2¾			
95	41	Debenham Twsn	45		9.7	8.5
165	136	Decora	137		3.4	13.5
315	225	Derwent Hldgs	311		2.1	16.2
195	130	Development Sec	174		1.7	
46	31	Dwyer	38		3.9	
37	26	Eleco	31			17.4
400	250	Estates Agency	400		4.6	
23½	13	Estates Gen	13			
119	82	Evans Of Leeds†	107		3.3	16.0
27½	18	Ex-Lands†	20½		3.0	
87	52	Fiscal Prop	57		4.2	17.5
28½	21	Five Oaks	22		4.0	10.5
22	16	Fletcher King	19		6.6	
60	41	Folkes Group	59		3.4	7.8
39	34	Folkes Group nv	35		3.6	7.3
499	405	Frogmore	450	+1	5.0	
282	236	Grainger	241		3.4	
198	159	Gt Portland†	167	-½	6.5	13.2
161	117½	Greycoat	143	+4	0.5	
42	22	Hambro Cntyw	40		0.2	
398	310	Hammerson	343	-1	3.6	24.0
332	300	Helical Bar	318		2.6	12.3
28½	22	Hemingway	27		2.9	16.2
21	7	Hemng Baker#	10½			
50	26	High-Point	33		1.9	
148½	88½	HK Land	113	+2	6.6	12.6
165	153	Jermyn	160		2.0	
2	0¼	Kendell	1			
645	545	Land Sect†	595	-5	5.3	17.4
326	263	London Indt	284		4.8	15.1
37	29½	Lon & Assoct	29½	-1	2.9	15.4
6	4½	Lon & Metro	5			
107	86	Lon Merch Sec	92		6.0	20.5
418	358	MEPC†	380	-4	6.6	
7½	5½	McInerney A	5½			
165	122	McKay Secs	124		5.2	16.1
80	48	Marrale Mre	71		6.6	10.3
35	25	Moorfield Est	32	+½	3.9	17.4
1250	850	Mountview	1050		3.3	8.8
151	124	Macklow (A&J)	135		6.0	18.4
83	73	ORB	74			
32	23	Olives Prop	26		1.4	23.3
146	125	PSIT	128½		5.2	15.2
319	204	Peel	308		2.2	
178	140	Pillar Prop†	140	+½	4.0	38.3
2½	1½	Power Corp#	2			
6½	3½	Premier Land	4½			14.9
111	70	RPS Group	111		3.5	14.6
34	19	Raglan	19½		6.4	8.1
28	18	Regalian	22½			25.8
163	100	Rowlinson Secs†	143		2.0	11.1
102	89	Rugby Est	89	-3	3.0	7.8
57	40	St Modwen Prp	55		4.1	8.0
68	54	Saville Grdn (J)	54		6.9	12.6
83	42	Savills	51		6.1	9.3
81	67	Scot Metr†	71		4.4	11.0
124	86	Shaftesbury†	123	+1	1.5	16.4
243	189	Slough Estates	210	-1½	4.8	25.5
220	185	Smart (J)†	211	-1	5.3	10.0
55	37	Southend Prop	41		8.0	
110	101	Specty Shops†	101		1.6	14.1
55	33¼	TBIA	53		0.4	20.0
167	124	Tops Ests	124		2.4	31.8
104	85	Town Centre†	94		4.3	14.7
101	79	Trafford Park	97	-1	4.3	10.4
82	33	UK Land	62	+4	2.0	6.9
81	40	WSP Group	45		5.8	10.1
219	192	Warner	203		7.0	17.2
235	203	Warnford	204		4.8	16.8
79	63	Wates	66½	-1		
35	25	Whitney Mck	28			
66	33	Wood John D	37		6.8	9.2

RETAILERS, FOOD

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
111	64½	ASDA Group	104½	-½	2.8	15.5
369	254½	Argyll†	308		4.9	13.2
718	455	Brake Bros†	684		1.6	30.0
39	23	Budgen	32½		4.2	30.6
18	11½	Cullens	14½		4.3	20.4
89½	45	Dairy Farm Intl	52¼		7.5	7.5
355	302	Fairpak	305		3.2	14.9
55	38	Fitzwilton†	50		5.6	21.7
115	95	Fyffes	108		1.9	15.4
200	103	Geest†	154	-3	6.6	61.5
1283	1048	Greggs	1153	+5	2.6	15.9
196	142	Iceland Group	152	-1	4.3	9.1
732	505	Kwik Save†	506		4.9	9.3
19½	10	Merchant Retail	16½			11.5
170	132	Morrison (W)	135		1.1	13.4
199	126	Nurdin Peack	155½	-1½	5.6	16.6
128	83	Park Foods	85		4.2	14.7
30	7½	Regnis Hin	12	-1		
479½	367	Sainsbury J†	368	-1½	4.0	12.2
339	236	Tesco	293	-½	3.8	13.9
175	128	Thorntons	140		4.7	16.0
525	358	Watson& Philip	523		3.7	18.4

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
84	21	Alexon	82½			
244	163	Alders	163		5.5	
615½	324	Argos	604	-9½	2.5	25.5
131	83	Ashley (Laura)	130	-½		
250	54	Asprey	250	+1	0.6	34.3
225	171	Austin Reed	171		4.4	9.9
146	123	Beattie (J) 'A'	138		5.9	15.1
124	95	Bentalls	97		2.8	10.6
88	38	Betterware†	69½	-½	4.7	39.9
51	30	Blacks Leis	49		5.8	24.8
194	107	Body Shop†	153		2.1	9.1
596	465	Boots†	574	-5½	3.8	15.8
54	18	Brown & Jackson	22			
276	205	Brown (N)†	268		2.4	20.4
134	66	Burton	133½	-½	2.1	26.9
150	90	Castors	113		3.3	19.5
404	235	Carpetright	404	+4	3.2	24.1
219	132	Christies Intl	210	-1	1.3	35.7
380	356	Church	356	-1	4.8	14.6
106	67	Clinton Cards	103	-1	5.9	13.0
141	84	C'fry Cassels†	141	+2	4.8	
813	708	Courts Furnish	745		1.1	21.7
220	183	Crown Eyet	195	+4	7.1	8.0
393	238	DFS Furniture	381	+2	2.7	20.0
425	186	Dixons Grp	418	+13	2.2	25.3
580	580	Elys (Wimbldn)	580		3.9	36.9
11½	5½	ERA Gp	9			13.9
161	77	Essex Furn†	106		5.1	
236	147	Etam†	193		4.0	
460	320	Fine Art Dev	414		4.7	12.6
66	37	Fired Earth	66		1.9	23.8
144	81	Flying Flowers	140		1.9	18.3
235	183	French Conn	185			12.0
259½	193	Frost Group†	197	-1	4.1	16.5
81	46	Glevac	78		3.2	17.6
223	112	Goldsmiths Gp	223	+3	1.9	20.2
685	508	GUS	673	+4	2.9	17.7
350	179	Hamleys	349		2.8	15.6
73	25	Hampden Gp	73		2.6	24.1
175	125	Hse of Fraser	166	+1	4.1	21.4
83	57	Hughes (TJ)†	60		5.5	13.5
168	95	Innovations	136	-2	1.7	68.9
534	329	JJB Sports	530	+2	1.4	24.7
544	379	Kingfisher	527	+1½	3.6	17.6
153	100	Kingsbury Grp	153		1.9	21.5
365	208	Liberty	303	-10	3.0	28.3
305	184	Lloyds Chem	266	-1	4.8	10.0
165	108	MFI	160	+2	3.3	21.0
457	371	Marks Spencer†	439	-½	3.0	19.0
645	500	Menzies (John)	629		2.6	14.1
603	338	Moss Bros	603		2.9	17.6
469	352	Next†	468	+17	2.7	25.8
54	27	OEM	40			
96	34	Owen (G)	59		2.1	65.7
401	243	Ordlane	401	+1	3.5	15.8
93	70	Partridge Fine	71		5.8	9.8
155	47	QS Hldgs	47		13.8	12.3
17½	5¼	Rhino Grp▲	15½			
193	113	Rosebys	192		3.2	22.2
120½	95½	Sears	100¼	+2	4.9	16.0
24	11½	Signet Group	16	+¼		
484	321	Smith WH	424	+2	4.6	14.9
950	638	Sotheby's	885	-23	1.8	
349	209	Storehouse†	340	-2	2.4	21.0
140	112	Stylo	120		4.9	10.3
203	143	T & S Stores	183		4.6	11.6
165	98	Tie Rack†	165		2.1	17.3
4½	1	Upton & South	3			
586	424	Vendome†	561	+1	2.2	20.4
35	14	WEW Group†	16	-½	5.5	9.5
67	35	Wld of Leather	53		3.5	64.1
195	155	Wyevale	195		3.3	17.4

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
566	476½	Allied Domecq†	521	+5	5.7	21.0
500	380	Bulmer (HP)	498		3.1	16.6
146	99	Burn Stewart	139	1½	4.5	29.9
461½	352	Grand Met	446	-6½	4.3	15.4
536	404	Guinness	457	-3½	3.9	14.2
445	327½	Highland Dstl†	329	-1	3.0	14.9
217	175	Macallan-Glen	190		0.9	42.1
710	600	Mactn Mrtn 'A'†	625		2.2	17.6
681	532	Matthew Clark	662	+2	4.0	
140	61	Minydon Wt	118		2.1	
259	179	Taunton Cider	246		3.6	24.0

SUPPORT SERVICES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
945	620	ADT	880	-3		
41	22	Alphameric	27¾		1.1	38.6
74	18	Asko Sec	22	-2		6.7
145	101½	BET Ord†	125	-1	4.2	12.5
178	128	BHB Res	128		5.6	10.0
293	220	BPP	285		4.4	16.5
199	131	BSM	153	+2	5.4	11.6
8¼	6¾	Black & Edg#	9			
1150	500	Borland	1062½			
215	105	Brit Data Mgt	121	-1	5.6	27.8
96	59	Brooks Service	80		3.9	17.7
347	298	CMG	330		1.8	17.1
121	75	CRT Gp	116		4.2	18.3
289	138	Capita Group	289	-1	1.5	26.7
100	16	Cardinal Bus	21			
359	277½	Chubb Sec	324	-3	3.0	17.0
94	58¼	Corp Services	92		4.1	15.7
61	48	Coutts Consltg	48	-1	4.4	
102	65	DCS Gp	80	-1	1.6	15.9
256	204	Davis Service	212	-1	5.1	12.5
358	223	Delphi	349	+1	1.3	43.2
107	66	Dudley Jenkns	99		4.3	15.2
94	28	EW Fact	44		8.5	6.1
183	118	El Data Prc	134	+1	2.0	
403	280	Hays	361	+3	2.4	19.3
218	145	Hogg Robinson†	215	-1	4.6	13.1
2031¼	1268¾	ISS B DKr	1465¾	+12½	1.8	12.9
415	152	JBA Hldgs	388	-2	1.1	40.8
279	222	Johnson Clean	256	+3	5.3	14.5
111	80	Kalamazoo	102		4.8	10.1
346	239	Kewill Syst	346	+2	2.5	12.2
27	11	Later-Scan	16			
387	77	LBMS	316	-1		
503	301	Logica	471		1.7	21.9
107	49	MDIS	64		10.1	14.0
253	180	MMT Compt	240	-7	3.2	14.7
178	54	MR Data Mngt	71	-1	6.3	50.5
478	368	Macro 4	423	+1	6.5	11.5
2140¼	1553¾	Manpower	1721¼	-46¼	0.5	
840	553	Micro Focus	573			
183	102	Microgen	180	-1	5.1	15.5
635	305	Misys	563	-5	2.1	16.0
297	197	MITIE Gp	297	+1	1.3	24.4
36	22	Novo Group	35		4.3	11.1
35	15	OEC Ind	19		2.0	
32	18	Orbis†	30		2.7	14.6
163	74	P & P	155		2.3	15.7
175	110	Michael Page	167		2.5	12.6
184	106	Parity	175		1.4	21.4
245	138	Pegasus	219		2.9	15.8
110	75	Pemoit	84		1.5	49.0
73	16	Proudfoot	29	+2	8.6	
305	192	RCO	192	-1	10.4	7.6
60½	33	Radius	56	-1	2.6	15.5
202	150	Real Time	178		2.2	11.8
144	98	Reed Executive	105		2.4	12.0
235	142	Reliance Sec	221		3.5	20.7
337½	212½	Rentokil	328	-7	1.4	25.4
163	132	Ricardo Group	132	-6	6.0	14.6
293	158	Rolfe & Nolan	270		2.0	40.0
355	132½	Sage Gp	330	-10	0.9	
291	239	Salvesen (C)†	264	-1½	4.0	13.3
148	79	Sanderson Elect	142		3.3	16.5
17½	11¼	Select App	17			30.1
546	380	Sema Gp	538	-1	1.0	25.6
380	238	Serco Gp	374	-1	1.4	29.3
189	80	Sherwd Cmp	184		1.5	
143	83	Shelcheyl	128		3.4	16.6
22½	11	Standard Ptd	17½			
220	167	Stat-Plus	205		6.1	18.8
890	116	Unipalm	650			
25	11½	Vcitec	24		2.7	
295	235	Warner Howard†	235		4.4	11.2

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
415½	340½	BT	342	-2½	6.6	12.1
477	350½	Cable Wireless†	445		2.6	18.9
209	165½	General Cable	192	-3		
147	116½	NYNEX Cable	120	-3		
1765	1475	Securicor	1680	-5	0.3	
1130	860	Securicor 'A'	886	-5	0.6	
1098	728	Security Serv	896	-3	1.1	
195	159	TeleWest	160	-3½		
285½	177½	Vodafone†	207½	-7	2.2	25.5

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	50	Albion	50		6.0	2.7
180	115	Allenby W	177		4.4	18.4
259	213	Allied Text	230		3.8	13.5
111	72	Allens	109		9.3	20.1
34	26	Automagic#	26			6.6
246	172½	Baird (Wm)†	179	+1½	6.5	12.7
60	36	Beckman (A)†	59		5.3	
288	229	Black (Peter)	272		2.3	17.4
167	111	Bridport-Gndry†	167		2.8	19.4
213	123	Br Mohair	130		8.7	8.1
28	14	Campari	27			
185	61	Charnb Phipps	79		13.1	4.6
342	270	Claremont Gar†	270		4.4	13.0
221	166	Coats Viyella†	170		6.4	11.4
512	390	Courtauld Text	397		4.8	11.4
160	112	Dawson†	156		4.8	8.6
129	92½	Dewsomt	109		3.4	
194	129½	Dewhirst (IJ)	182	-1	2.1	17.5
47	30	Dolce Heel	34		5.1	8.6
38	25	Drummond†	28	-½	3.3	8.6
26	13	Elsed	19			
67	29	Faupel	27		17.8	5.2
470	260	FII	443		4.2	
153	120	Fenmaster	121		3.6	9.3
21	11	Foster (John)	11			
95	68	French	69		6.6	14.1
103	73	Gent SR	87		3.6	7.9
129	85	Haggas	127½	-½	2.9	16.7
18¼	7¼	Hartstone†	11	+¼	3.6	34.2
27	13	Helene Plc†	13½	+½	12.6	5.8
312	213	Hicking Pntcst†	311		2.3	17.3
26	13	Hollas	13	-1	5.4	
71	38	Honeysuckle†	38		7.1	8.8
133	80	Horace Small	91			7.3
216	178	Jacques Vert	182		4.6	8.4
79	56	Jerome (S)	75		2.9	7.5
455	327	Jones Stroud	450		2.8	16.7
157	118	Lambert	138		6.4	10.6
357	215	Lamont	248		6.5	9.8
306	241	Leeds†	252		3.3	
73	42	Leslie Wise Gp	51	+3	10.4	8.4
84	56	Lyles (S)	56			
29½	23½	Marling	23½		3.5	12.6
10	4½	PEX	9			
210	135	Parkland†	182	-1	3.9	7.9
147	102	Pentland	113		3.5	16.3
73	41	Pittards	55	-1	2.8	
74½	58¾	Readicut	70		6.1	18.6
81	61	Rosmore†	67	+½	6.3	7.1
56	38	Richards	38		6.7	
76	50	SEET	64			
124	75	Sherwood Gp	105		4.0	12.7
142	92	Shiloh	100		4.7	6.6
107	89	Sirdar	93		7.4	25.1
58	41	Stirling Gp	41		6.4	8.8
21	13	Strong & Fisher	17		8.8	17.1
40	18	UK Safety	18	-1	16.4	22.4
186	114	Usher (Frank)	177½	+½	7.0	8.0
153	96	Wensum	130		4.3	12.7
335	244	Yorklyde	335		2.8	11.8

TRANSPORT

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
119	81	Air London†	108	-2	4.6	13.3
768¼	596	All Nippon Aw	675	+10¼	0.3	
320	262	Assoc Br Ports	292	-3	3.9	16.9
546	414	BAA†	475	+8½	2.8	16.1
484	348	Br Airways†	467	-3½	3.4	11.6
51	15	Central Tran R	16			
123	93	Clarkson (H)	106		2.9	17.3
193	153	Clydeport	173	+10	2.5	15.9
214	142	Dart†	214	+2	2.9	13.6
324	76½	Eurotunnel Uts	89			
154	131	FirstBus	139	-1	4.1	
80	50	Fisher (James)	80		2.3	16.7
625	405	Forth Ports	580		2.3	19.4
305	166	Go-Ahead	284		2.1	10.5
273	198	Goode Durant	251		3.6	12.3
139	100	IoM Steam	109	+1	5.0	26.3
548	393	Inch Cont	478		1.0	11.9
70	52	Jacobs	65	-1	2.0	
107	67	Lon O'Seas Frnt	83		0.8	16.8
495	358	Mersey Docks	425		3.2	16.3
189	130	NFC†	131	-1	6.9	
422	289	Natl Express	345		3.3	19.6
391	261	Ocean Group	383	-3	4.7	23.5
94	68	Ocean Wilson	86		6.2	3.4
637	459	P & O Dfd	460	-6	8.3	12.3
211	162	P & O 5.5%	162	-4	4.2	
89	55	Seacon	63	+1	4.5	35.8
237	158	Servisair	227	-1	2.1	31.1
294	196	Stagecoach	282		2.6	18.4
110	79	TNT	89			
713	358	Tibbet & Britten	360		5.6	11.7
241	177	TDG	177	-2	6.7	11.7
128	68	Ugland▼	68		3.8	11.3
113	77	Utd Carriers	87		7.0	16.5

WATER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
603	443	Anglian†	593	+12	5.7	9.1
366	295	Mid Kent Hldgs†	353		4.8	9.5
641	467¼	North West	580	+3¼	5.7	7.5
1175	676	Northumbrian†	1168		3.2	9.1
685	475	Severn Trent	674		5.6	8.0
2353	1855	South Staffs†	2353		3.8	13.7
556	459	South West†	513	+5	6.8	7.1
731	517	Southern	656	-1	5.3	7.9
575	456	Thames†	561		5.9	7.7
900	592¼	Welsh†	738	-1	7.1	8.8
109½	100¾	Welsh Cnv Prf	109¼	-¼	9.3	
361	256½	Wessex	338	+4	5.2	7.1
677½	472	Yorkshire†	600	-5	5.9	7.9

Source: Fenstat

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BRITISH FUNDS

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
106[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	100[illegible]†		13.90	6.32
109[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	103[illegible]		14.75	6.10
107[illegible]	102[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	102[illegible]		12.88	6.11
104[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	103[illegible]		9.67	6.09
101[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	101[illegible]		6.91	6.12
109[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	107[illegible]†	+[illegible]	12.33	6.09
105[illegible]	104[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	104[illegible]		10.01	6.10
104[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	104[illegible]		8.40	6.18
117[illegible]	114[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	115[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.02	6.21
107[illegible]	102[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	106[illegible]†		9.13	6.23
102[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	-[illegible]	7.11	6.32
100[illegible]	94[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100		6.75	6.73
117[illegible]	114[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	117[illegible]		11.96	6.37
124[illegible]	120[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	122[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.62	6.42
114[illegible]	109[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	114[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.48	6.48
108[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	108[illegible]†	-[illegible]	8.77	6.51
118[illegible]	111[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	118[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.52	6.57
111[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.40	6.62
98[illegible]	89[illegible]	Treas 8% 1999	98[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.12	6.63
112[illegible]	105[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	112[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.15	6.72
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
108[illegible]	100[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.32	6.75
105[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas 8% 2000	105	-[illegible]	7.62	6.80
124[illegible]	117	Treas 13% 2000	123[illegible]†	-[illegible]	10.49	6.83
113[illegible]	104[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.85	6.94
100[illegible]	90[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	6.99	6.98
114	103[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.59	7.15
104[illegible]	94[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.66	7.23
116[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	115[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.63	7.27
119[illegible]	110[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	119[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.66	7.09
83[illegible]	70[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	82[illegible]†	-[illegible]	4.24	6.17
113[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.39	7.44
95[illegible]	87[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	95[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.06	7.45
108[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2005	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.92	7.45
114[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.39	7.49
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Small firms 'more in tune with green issues'

BY BRIAN COLLETT

GREEN attitudes are more common among small businesses than large companies, a report from a leading finance house says.

The survey shows that 69 per cent of businesses with turnovers below £500,000 and 61 per cent of those turning over between £500,000 and £1 million are concerned about green issues and are willing to buy environmentally desirable equipment.

The figure falls to 48 per cent among companies with turnovers above £10 million.

Companies that make a choice to respect the environment use recycled materials and deliberately install machinery that produces little or no gas or dust.

For example, RIAB Recycling, of Rhymney, Mid Glamorgan, which converts old tyres into rubber granules and powder, has a carefully enclosed system that burns nothing, emits no chemicals or gas, and prevents dust pollution.

Moreover, most small businesses that adopt a green approach do so out of conscience, not because of tougher environmental controls, says the report, a quarterly investment review conducted for Lombard *Business Finance*.

The likely reason, says Paul Gee, the company's marketing director, is that owners of small businesses draw less of a distinction between their personal and professional lives. He says: "Their personal and business lives are closer together."

The September survey produced results almost identical to findings from an earlier quarterly study in June and July. The researchers think that the greener attitudes were heightened by the controversies over the disposal of the Brent Spar oil installation and French nuclear testing in the Pacific.

The most environmentally conscious businesses were found in East Anglia and the Midlands. Mr Gee says: "In those areas, they are more inclined to pay more for an asset if it is kinder to the environment."

Another finding from the survey was that businesses generally believed that a change of government, being predicted by political opinion polls, would be damaging to the economy.

Farm workshop makes festivities go with a bang

BY JESSICA GORST-WILLIAMS

MAKING crackers with a personal touch is how Upper Crust Crackers, a business started by Maureen Brooking eight years ago, holds its own against the market giants.

Its roots go back to Mrs Brooking's father, a cocoa broker who had the idea of personalising chocolate bars to sell to hotels. After his death, in 1964, Mrs Brooking, who was by then married with five children, ran the business. She recalled: "We had the chocolate made to a special recipe and I and my husband Tony — a chartered accountant — wrapped it in the personalised wrappers and dispatched it by post." In 1969, she handed the business over to her youngest brother, Martyn Spice.

When her children left home, Mrs Brooking sought a new challenge. Her brother knew someone wanting to sell a small home-based cracker business. She paid £15,000 for the know-how and goodwill, which included sales outlets at three stores and several hotels, and persuaded Lyn Stanistreet, who was helping her in the house, to join her and make crackers since she knew her to be nimble-fingered and artistic. "She is now chief cracker maker and an excellent designer," Mrs Brooking said.

Mrs Brooking and two friends won business by "badgering people" and sending out samples. She had an entrée to hotel supplies through Personalized Products and it was in their offices that the business first operated. The crackers were of conventional crêpe paper and in boxes of five "because that was how it was done by the previous company". They were sold to retailers at between £7 and £9 a box. Turnover in 1988 was £20,000.

Mrs Brooking "realised quite soon that something different was needed" and in 1990 paid £10,000 for another small business, mainly for its designs. From then on, her crackers came in presentation boxes, and were hand-made with sophisticated giftwrap paper and satin and gold lamé ribbons. They now come in all sizes, from mini to jumbo.

The business moved, in 1992, to the Brookings' farm at Bentworth, Hampshire, and, in 1991, took on Jo O'Connor as general manager, letting Mrs Brooking cut her workload. She still does the accounting and keeps tabs on the business — and this season has been sewing countless crackers into boxes.

Half the crackers are now made to clients' specification, and sometimes contents are provided by the client. Otherwise, the jokes are topped up each year by Mrs Brooking's nephews, earning £1 a joke. Bangers or "snaps" are imported, mainly from China, and hats are bought from a British firm.

A staff of five, and 20 to 25 outworkers, produce 200,000 crackers a year. Boxes of six standard crackers cost retailers between £15 and £25. Upmarket ones, such as those Harrods sells, retail at about £250. Other customers include Selfridges and the Orient Express.

The strategy "is to take it steadily, keeping tight control", says Mrs Brooking, adding: "We now feel ready to crack the foreign market."

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JULIAN HERBERT



Maureen Brooking, whose crackers business is now looking overseas

When a new business stands a better chance of survival

BY RODNEY HOBSON

DEATH rates for new businesses are higher than was previously thought, according to research by David Storey and Robert Cressy, of Warwick University. Only 19 per cent of those set up in 1988 survived for six years, the researchers found.

Their research confirms that businesses started by more mature entrepreneurs stand a better chance of survival than those run by people in their 20s. Those who own their own homes also stand a better chance.

The researchers tracked 2,000 new business owners who set up in 1988 and 750 in 1991. All began with bank accounts at National Westminster Bank, which commissioned the report.

The earlier batch consisted mainly of men in their 30s who were leaving jobs and starting businesses in sectors in which they already had experience. They tended to have been on low incomes. The second batch tended to be older and had managerial experience. However, they were less likely to set up in businesses in which they had experience. They were more likely to be homeowners and to have had higher incomes before starting on their own.

The training and experience of the proprietors of a business influences the willingness of the bank to provide funds. Experienced entrepreneurs were able to borrow more at lower interest rates, thus giving their businesses an extra chance.

The chances of a business surviving increase continuously for each five-year age group between 20 and 50. Those establishing a new venture when they are aged 50-55 have a 70 per cent chance of lasting for three-and-a-half years. Those aged 20 to 25 have only a 30 per cent survival rate over the same period.

Professor Storey and Dr Cressy state: "We attribute this to two influences. Younger individuals are more likely to have alternative opportunities in the labour market and so are less likely to stick to the business enterprise. Older people are more likely to have financial security, particularly in terms of owning their own property, and a range of contacts and experience to enable their business to survive."

Survival rates are also improved where there is more than a single owner and where the owner has served a trade apprenticeship.

The sex of the owner was found to be unimportant in determining whether a new business survived. Nor did it matter whether a proprietor had a degree or had been jobless before the start-up. Having a high income in previous employment gave no extra chance of success.



Storey: two influences



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Smaller firms are a target of the new Marketing Council, set up to help British business to become more competitive. It is backed by 60 major companies, with government support for three new initiatives: to examine areas of marketing strengths and weakness, to find the connection between marketing and world-class competitiveness and to identify best practice among small and medium-sized firms. From this will stem distance-learning material and practical ways to target markets. A workshop next April will review the findings of best practice derived from the Enterprise Initiative Scheme, Chambers of Commerce and the Chartered Institute of Marketing. John Stubbs, council chief executive, says the aim is to involve smaller businesses "right from the start".

☐ The Development Board for Rural Wales is undertaking a £10 million construction programme to provide premises for expanding businesses. Some 200,000 sq ft of premises will be built this financial year, and will be offered to firms for rents of about £1.95 per sq ft. With almost 60 per cent of the board's existing factories already bought by their occupants, new premises are urgently needed in Mid Wales. Many will be in the four new business parks being developed in the region.

☐ Midland Bank is introducing a flexible business loan with an option to defer two monthly repayments each year. Loans are for a minimum of £10,000 for up to 20 years. A ten-year fixed interest rate is available. Other options include interest rate caps, a capital repayment holiday of up to two years, and a repayment programme tailored to individual needs.

☐ Gloucestershire Development Agency, with the county's Business Link, is offering free half-hour surgery sessions on finance, law and marketing. Details from Wendy Cole on 01452 524488.

☐ A TSB guide on exporting for small businesses is available from TSB Commercial Finance on Freephone 0500 727 200.

☐ A book providing advice for businesses employing up to ten people has been published by Kogan Page. Copies of the *Business Growth Action Kit* cost £12.95 in paperback at bookshops or £14.25 from the publishers, at 120 Pentonville Rosad, London N1.

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AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
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General Acc	613.60	652.80	- 4.00	2.63
General Inc	527.70	560.90	- 3.30	2.53
UK Growth Acc	414.20	440.70	- 2.90	2.86
UK Growth Inc	375.90	399.80	- 1.90	3.86
Higher Inc Acc	758.40	805.90	- 3.60	4.21
Higher Inc Inc	452.10	480.10	- 2.20	4.21
Glbl/Fxd Int Acc	207.50	219.10	- 0.40	5.47
Glbl/Fxd Int Inc	98.38	100.70	- 0.20	5.47
Nth America	333.50	354.80	+ 0.30	
Europe	330.10	340.60	+ 1.00	0.91
Pref Exempt	80.83	88.12†	- 0.53	2.87
Pref Preamtc Acc	111.20	118.40	- 0.80	4.75
Pref Preamtc Inc	77.90	82.80	- 0.50	4.75
Global Opps	95.41	101.50†	- 0.20	0.25
Balanced Acc	88.25	94.10	- 0.33	2.88
Balanced Inc	87.66	91.35	- 0.31	2.85
Japan Acc	42.66	45.08	- 0.14	
Pac Basin Acc	388.10	404.40	- 2.70	1.03

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
0345 717 373

Glbl & Fixed Int	132.50	140.60†	- 0.20	7.11
High Inc Equity	173.70	185.80	- 1.80	4.24
Worldwide Bond	295.10	310.80†	+ 0.40	4.50
American Growth	335.50	356.40	+ 0.40	0.36
Asian Pacific	313.10	334.90	- 1.60	
Assets & Earnings	384.10	402.20†	- 2.40	2.87
Exp Capital Acc	158.50	170.50	- 0.90	0.61
Extra Inc	44.14	46.96	- 0.21	8.56
General	260.20	276.80	- 2.70	3.01
Global Opps	58.12	62.67	- 0.17	0.48
Japan	124.40	128.00	- 0.45	
Managed Inc	47.09	50.10	- 0.45	4.64
Mastermind	152.50	163.10	- 0.90	1.45
Nth Emerging Cos	178.20	186.40	- 2.00	
Ethical	74.56	79.20	- 0.10	2.47
International	126.80	134.90	- 0.70	0.80
Dividend & Growth	65.36	69.55	- 0.57	4.04
Global Gwth & Inc	70.80	75.65	+ 0.05	2.67

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 220 0733

UK Small Cos	1967.00	2040.00		

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0800 833 580

Aamr Inc & Growth	56.07	57.20	- 0.16	0.54
Cash	58.12	59.12†	+ 0.02	5.83
Emerging Mkts	64.12	67.96	+ 0.32	0.05
Eurogrowth	126.80	131.80	- 0.10	
Exempt	1010.90	1084.90	- 3.40	1.72
Extra Income #	47.95	51.39†	- 0.20	6.61
Far East Emg Eqn	119.10	125.10	- 0.20	0.50
Fixed Interest #	73.69	74.63†	- 0.03	9.54
Fund Inv Tst	165.20	173.40	- 0.10	0.97
Japan	166.70	174.20	- 0.90	
Latin American	47.21	49.45	- 0.51	0.90
Pacific	80.32	84.33	- 0.53	0.31
Property Share	62.44	65.54	- 0.05	3.68
UK Emerging Cos	66.02	73.54	- 0.17	1.68
UK Growth	48.75	51.67	- 0.30	3.27
Abtr World Port #	77.38	78.93†	- 0.34	2.06
Ethical	71.68	74.56†	- 0.08	1.36
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.91	50.91†	+ 0.01	7.37

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AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0171 256 5868

Resid Property	97.41	104.50		5.10

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
01452 305 958

Annty Income	67.92	67.98	- 0.09	2.31
Income Builder Inc	74.92	79.70†	- 0.39	2.87

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514
Balanced Trusts

Growth & Income	264.60	272.30	- 3.10	2.85
Capital	451.60	482.70	- 3.70	1.71
Balanced	743.20	794.40†	- 10.70	2.50
Accumulation	1418.00	1516.00	- 20.00	2.68
Income Trusts				
American Income	57.88	61.57	+ 0.18	2.08
High Income	418.40	447.20	- 4.90	3.45
Equity Income	235.50	251.70	- 3.00	3.31
High Yield	253.60	271.00†	- 3.00	3.27
Govt Securities	34.83	36.75	- 0.19	5.77
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	186.00	198.80	- 0.40	0.35
European Growth	42.37	45.18	- 0.24	0.01
International	177.20	189.30	- 0.70	0.17
Japan	205.00	218.30†	+ 0.20	0.01
Pacific	397.50	424.90	- 1.60	0.01
Spec of America	529.60	564.00†	- 1.70	0.41
Wlwide Amer Val	52.50	56.12	- 0.22	0.21
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	564.30	603.30†	- 6.50	2.12
Cons & Gil	44.31	47.36	- 0.15	4.90
Smaller Cos	188.90	201.90†	- 0.60	1.10
Smaller Cos Spl Sit	179.00	191.30†	- 0.60	1.27
Recovery	150.50	160.50	- 1.40	1.63
Mat Mkts & Cdty	167.80	179.30†	- 0.70	0.66
Classic Earnings	327.10	400.10†	- 3.90	1.67
Technology	205.80	220.00†	- 2.80	0.01
UK Special Sits	517.70	552.40†	- 3.10	1.56

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
01293 526 911

Crescnt Del Pens	110.80	115.10	- .	3.04
Foundtn Pens Pens	66.25	68.83		1.44

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 600 0033

Capital	76.41	81.29	- 0.73	1.79
International	68.97	73.37		

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
0131 222 4242

America	300.40	322.50	+ 0.20	
Bond	121.70	128.00	- 0.30	6.56
Bnt Smlr Cos	108.70	117.80	- 0.20	1.70
Cons & Gen #	68.56	72.94	- 0.11	5.38
Europe	338.30	353.50†	+ 0.80	0.62
Euro Smlr Cos	107.10	114.40†	+ 0.40	0.62
Income Growth	369.70	393.30†	+ 1.10	3.08
Japan	326.00	347.40	- 1.80	
Latin American	67.79	72.12	- 0.05	
Pacific	165.80	172.50†	- 0.30	1.25
UK Smlr Cos	98.54	104.80	- 0.17	1.29
Japan Fd	677.10	698.40	- 3.40	2.98
Mangd Fd	189.50	201.40	- 1.00	2.96

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
0171 488 0873

Bnf & Dpsit	335.70	355.10		0.81
Capital Cwth	119.00	125.90		2.61
Wwide Dpsit	203.80	215.50		0.93

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
0161 534 5544

Balanced Trusts				
Bld Inv Fd Inc	384.00	400.00	- 4.40	2.59
European Bd Inc	96.76	100.20	+ 0.34	6.79
Exempt	77.25	82.40	- 0.20	4.67
Financial	92.02	98.42†	- 1.40	2.45
500	468.10	506.10	- 0.60	2.64
General	295.90	316.80	- 1.80	2.57
Property	297.80	354.80†		8.47
Tracker	205.10	218.80†	- 0.10	2.29
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.90	100.90		5.86
Extra Income #	126.90	135.70	- 1.20	4.95
Gilt & Fxd Int	59.21	61.31†	+ 0.04	8.11
Income	563.20	602.40	- 4.60	5.81
Income Builder #	65.54	70.07	- 0.49	5.51
Intl Income	67.18	71.47†	- 1.38	3.24
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	131.30	140.10	- 0.80	2.24
Leisure	150.10	160.60	- 0.20	1.10
Recovery	440.40	471.00	- 3.70	2.82
Smlr Cos Inc	48.39	51.88	- 0.01	2.14
Special Sits	338.10	361.60	- 3.00	1.52
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	159.90	170.00†		0.30
Asst Acc	268.40	288.80	- 1.00	1.87
Asst Inc	164.90	173.00†	- 0.50	1.87
Euro Gwth Inc	163.80	176.10	- 1.10	0.74
-do- Accum	179.10	190.20	- 1.20	0.74
Japan & Gen Inc	163.20	174.80	- 0.70	
-do- Accum	165.10	174.80	- 0.70	
Japan Spec Sits	74.78	78.21	- 0.21	
Dlav Tech Inc	88.30	94.86	- 1.17	
Worldwide	185.80	197.20	- 0.60	0.63

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
0171 214 1004

American Growth	114.50	121.10	- 0.20	
Amer Smlr Cos	148.90	159.20	- 1.90	
Commodities	54.18	58.13†	- 0.77	5.40
Eastern	279.90	303.00	- 1.90	0.30
Equity Income	98.78	94.96	- 0.60	3.80
European Growth	327.90	348.20	- 0.70	0.80
Europe	368.70	386.80†	- 0.30	0.20
German Growth	79.41	84.24	- 0.58	0.50
Global Bond	70.20	73.94	+ 0.19	6.50
Global Growth	138.60	148.90†	- 0.30	
Japan Growth	125.10	133.50	- 0.30	
Japan Smaller	158.50	168.80	+ 2.10	
Korea Trust	71.95	78.49	- 2.49	
Pacific	137.80	147.50	- 0.60	2.30
-do- Accum	256.80	274.70	- 1.20	2.30
UK Growth	87.61	93.79	- 0.58	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	85.39	90.91	+ 0.14	2.50
Select Managers	81.48	87.36	- 0.32	1.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
0171 250 3000

Intl Gwth Pref Inc	84.40	89.79	- .	.
Special Oppor Inc	57.14	60.79		

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
0141 223 6000

Balanced Growth	123.75	130.95	- 1.21	1.52
-do- Accum	141.50	149.83	- 1.38	1.52
Smaller Cos	121.05	128.10†	- 0.25	0.81
Higher Yield #	51.34	54.32	- 0.29	4.35
American Gth Inc	85.39	90.36	- 0.21	.
European Growth	141.94	150.20	- 1.91	0.21
-do- Accum	144.73	153.16	- 1.95	0.21
Global Bond Inc #	92.73	98.14	+ 0.04	7.07
Mngd Pnsn Inc	46.64	49.33	- 0.26	1.40
-do- Accum	47.83	50.59	- 0.27	1.40
Int Spec Opps	138.98	147.07	- 0.32	.
Pacific Gth	134.60	142.43	- 0.81	0.30
UK General #	96.02	98.49†	- 0.60	2.98
-do- Accum #	96.02	93.14	- 0.05	2.98
Japan	69.64	64.17	- 0.16	
Gth & Fixed Int #	102.36	105.06†	- 0.02	8.46

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0171 486 7215

Shrd Dated Gilt	58.07	58.94	+ 0.02	6.16

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0161 837 5050

Envsn	168.90	179.70†	- 0.20	1.76
Uk Growth	189.80	201.90	- 1.70	2.07
Uk Income	141.60	150.60	- 1.00	4.31

CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD
01707 892 100

Can Dist Dis	215.70	228.60	- 1.30	1.73
-do- Income Dist	115.70	122.70†	- 0.60	4.86
-do- Accum	364.20	386.10	- 2.00	4.86
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.97	44.49	- 0.15	6.11
Growth Unit	329.40	349.30	- 2.40	2.08
Bond	179.40	188.90		6.17
Int Growth	232.40	247.30	- 0.90	0.30
Nwtn American	234.10	248.10†	+ 0.10	0.29
Far East	286.90	309.60	- 0.90	1.08
Uk Smaller Cos	196.30	209.90	- 0.20	1.45
European	88.67	93.63	- 0.30	0.68
Japanese Growth	48.38	51.37	+ 0.11	.
High Income	203.20	217.30	- 2.10	4.00

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455

American & Gen	187.00	199.00	- 1.00	
European Inc	86.20	91.35	- 0.09	1.02
Smaller Cos (4-1)	91.60	97.87	- 0.29	1.45
Exempt	480.50	511.20	- 4.00	1.74
Income & Growth #	434.20	462.00	- 3.20	3.92
-do- Accum #	632.40	672.80	- 4.60	3.92
Japan & Gen	70.42	74.75	+ 0.11	
Money Portfolio	£110.34	£117.37	- 57.00	2.17
-do- Accum	£132.81	£138.25	- 69.00	2.17
Special Sits	112.00	119.20	- 0.90	1.65
High Yield	£13.92	£14.36†	- 11.00	4.49

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 0708

Cazenove Portfolio	94.35	100.75	- 0.37	2.54
American Portfolio	112.79	119.25†	- 1.03	0.93
European Portfolio	109.24	116.56	- 1.34	0.41
High Income	50.66	52.76†	+ 0.15	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	69.10	73.49	+ 0.05	
Pacific Portfolio	145.53	154.27†	- 0.20	1.42
Uk Inc & Growth	81.21	93.36	- 0.27	3.05
Utility & Bond	90.92	97.55	- 0.23	6.61

CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG.
0171 581 1815

Inv Fund	719.00	759.80		4.41
Fxd Int Sec	157.49	158.13		9.04

CGE CHARITY FUNDS
0171 588 1815

Investment Inc	721.70	732.80		4.35
Investment Acc	831.78	839.26		
Fixed Int Inc	130.24	130.90		8.73
Fixed Int Acc	216.97	217.83		

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5866

Beckman Ind	90.66	96.78		3.01
Brck Bio-Tech	41.42	44.78†		
Accns Ethical Tst	167.77	176.17†		0.73
City Fin Assets	76.70	80.54	- 0.59	2.07
City Fin Atmosp	146.59	110.88		
City Fin Intl	87.84	92.24†		0.89
City Fin Japan	151.67	101.02		
Friars Hse Cap	287.98	311.95	+ 1.48	2.34
Friars Hse Inc	191.00	207.48†	- 0.86	4.35
Beckley Wrld Grth	159.57	167.94		
Farmnt Cap Gth	145.33	150.87†		
Fairmount Intl	155.34	163.31†		
J Skt Inc/Gth Inc	55.64	58.43†		2.45

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0771 Admin. 01277 227 300
Emerging Markets 54.61 57.34 - 0.34

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0800 373 393

American Gwth	74.93	79.71	- 0.42	
Dragon Growth	67.98	72.37	- 0.52	0.99
Equity High Inc	85.51	90.46†	- 0.52	4.13
-do- Accum	121.49	128.34	- 0.73	4.13
Extra Income Inc	97.08	99.51		7.06
Extra Income Acc	248.18	254.67		7.06
European Gwth	57.51	61.02	- 0.12	1.12
Evergreen	29.10	31.12	- 0.05	
General Equity	94.44	100.20	- 0.86	2.93
Japan Growth	52.11	55.44	- 0.05	
Pacific Gwth	57.12	60.77	- 0.26	2.63
Prof Cen Gen Inc	33.43	35.56	- 0.04	1.58
-do- Accum	36.19	37.44	+ 0.04	1.58
Retirement Inc #	26.61	28.31	- 0.20	4.59
Special Sits	42.30	44.89	- 0.13	2.58
Uk & Overseas	54.20	57.51	- 0.25	0.78

COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD
01534 888 000

Capital	74.99	78.11	- 0.67	1.86
Balanced	65.15	67.86	- 0.46	4.14

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
01481 696 8818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)
Income Funds

Equity Inc	170.66	181.55	- 0.97	4.82
Fund & Convertible	47.22	43.86	- 0.09	6.62
Monthly Inc Pres	50.49	53.62	- 0.05	8.36
Preference Share	47.25	50.27	- 0.02	7.75
Balanced Funds:				
High Yield	130.46	138.79	- 0.72	5.85
Managed Fund	72.08	77.74	- 0.39	3.03
Uk Growth Funds:				
Smaller Cos	43.46	46.23	- 0.06	1.76
-do- Accum	50.58	53.82	- 0.06	1.76
UK & General	87.85	93.46	- 0.89	2.74
-do- Accum	112.75	119.95	- 1.14	2.74
Uk Growth	167.40	178.08	- 1.48	2.77
International Growth Funds:				
Europe Growth	201.19	214.03	- 0.07	0.11
Far Eastern Gwth	131.91	140.33	- 0.18	
Global Bond	84.90	90.32	+ 0.39	5.86
Japan Growth	118.72	125.76	- 0.37	
North Amer Gwth	210.54	223.98	- 0.54	
Oriental Growth	79.22	84.26	- 0.24	0.06
Worldwide Growth	71.86	76.47	- 0.04	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.39	92.39	+ 0.03	6.12
Homeowner Fund	87.32	92.79	- 0.66	1.63
Quilter Fund	143.60	152.77	- 1.38	1.99

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
0171 407 5866

Consistent Ut	33.34	35.68	- .	3.34

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 526 358

Growth	167.70	178.40†	- 1.10	1.81
Income	79.64	75.15	- 0.16	5.82
European	65.60	69.79	+ 0.09	0.64
Recovery	165.20	176.80	- 0.80	2.10

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
0171 283 9494

Equity Dist	912.30	925.50†		3.50

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
01277 680 370

Fellowship Tst	93.30	99.25	+ 0.09	1.51
Income #	254.40	261.20	- 1.50	4.26
-do- Accum #	677.90	721.10	- 4.00	4.26
Smaller Cos	199.00	211.60	- 1.10	0.98
-do- Accum	246.00	261.60	- 0.20	0.98
Inv Portfolio	89.10	95.03	- 0.48	1.56
High Inc Pref #	77.23	82.15	- 0.44	4.34

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
0171 410 0177

Euro Small Cos	1531.10	1585.10†		
Japan Small Cos	1224.40	1249.10†		
UK Small Cos - - -	1913.20	1983.10	- - -	
US Small Cos	1900.60	1968.80†		

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
0171 377 8819

Disc Inc	218.50	230.00		2.95

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0131 315 2500

European Gwth	297.40	314.20		0.67
New Asia	217.90	232.70	- 0.80	0.35
Japan Growth	731.00	778.20	- 0.40	
Jap Smlr Co	455.60	483.30	+ 2.60	
Nth Amer	356.80	375.90	- 0.10	0.78
UK Inc & Grth	231.90	247.50	- 1.50	2.86

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
01242 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	153.90	163.70†	- 1.30	1.64
UK High Inc Inc	163.60	173.40†	- 1.50	4.15
UK Growth	216.30	229.90†	- 1.80	4.15
Uk Pref & F I Inc	59.95	63.69†	- 0.12	4.93
Governmnt Opps	92.10	97.97	- 0.20	0.86
UK Smlr Cos #	60.20	64.04	- 0.03	0.01
Extra Income Inc	49.51	52.66	+ 0.05	7.80

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0345 090 525

American	155.30	164.80†	- 0.10	1.06
Convertibles #	21.07	22.39†	- 0.08	6.25
Equity Income #	133.10	141.40†	- 1.20	3.75
Euro/Fund	52.64	55.79	+ 0.04	0.36
Financial	49.66	52.78	- 0.22	1.42
Growth & Inc #	364.00	380.50	- 1.50	2.75
High Dist #	167.20	177.40†	- 1.20	4.23
International	412.40	438.20	+ 0.40	0.11
Int Cap Inc	98.55	105.20	- .	2.61
Latin American	25.71	27.32	+ 0.41	
Pacific	82.66	86.98	- 0.71	0.46
Pref High Inc	21.85	23.22	- 0.06	7.08
Tokyo	227.90	241.30	+ 0.50	
Uk Smaller Cos	249.30	264.90	- 1.40	1.10

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
0171 242 0242

Eth Dist Dscpn Dlgs	99.90	106.39	- 2.18	1.52
Growth Acc	244.54	261.11	+ 5.88	0.68
Income	582.62	619.67	- 1.66	5.19

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 373 7261

Endurance Fd	218.10	232.00		1.19

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
01296 431 480

European	85.28	89.72	- 0.53	2.04
Ethical Tst	46.22	48.65	- 0.15	1.34
Far Eastern	302.70	318.63	- 0.27	1.65
High Income	132.73	139.72†	- 1.54	4.91
Intl Growth	124.11	130.64	- 0.69	0.45
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David Pannick, QC, reflects on a year in which the Home Secretary continued to have legal troubles and a dog called Dempsey had his day



Dempsey, the pit-bull reprieved from death row; Eric Cantona kicks out, but not at the ball; O.J. Simpson showing the gloves don't fit; and Michael Howard turns a cold shoulder to rulings that some of his decisions were unlawful

1995: The year of OJ, Rose West and Dempsey the dog

A trial at Northampton Crown Court this year was abandoned on its third day after a woman juror complained to an usher that a defence barrister was such "a rude little man" that she "wanted to hit him". Lawyers and judges have tried their best to please everyone in 1995, but have not always succeeded.

Some very important issues were brought before the courts. The European Court of Human Rights surprisingly decided by ten votes to nine that the United Kingdom had violated the right to life of three IRA terrorists shot by the SAS in Gibraltar in 1988. The Scottish Court of Session upset the BBC by granting an injunction to stop the broadcasting, north of the border, of an interview with the Prime Minister, because of its possible impact on the Scottish local elections. And the Court of Appeal rejected appeals by Ernest Saunders and three other men convicted in 1990 of offences of dishonesty in relation to the Guinness affair in 1986.

But courts also looked at some less substantial claims. A competitor in a Scrabble tournament won damages of £90 from the organisers because he was allowed too little time to visit the lavatory between games. An industrial tribunal made an astonishing award of compensation of £30,000 to a college lecturer who had been called an "Irish prat" by his colleagues. And a judge in New York dismissed an ambitious claim by the manufacturers of Spam luncheon meat that their trademark was unlawfully breached by a new Muppets film which featured the character "Spa'am", who was, they complained, "evil in porcine form".

For the Home Secretary's legal advisers, it was a particularly busy year. The House of Lords held (3-2) that a new scheme for criminal injuries compensation was unlawful. The sacked Director-General of the Prison Service, Derek Lewis, issued a writ claiming wrongful dismissal. The High Court ruled that the Home Secretary's decision to ban the Rev Sun Myung Moon from the United Kingdom was unlawful by reason of procedural unfairness. Within hours of the Home Secretary telling the Conservative Party that he wanted tougher sentencing to send "shock waves" through the criminal community, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, issued a statement explaining that criminals would not be deterred by longer sentences, only by an increased likelihood of being caught.

Animals also had their day in court. Dempsey the pit-bull terrier was reprieved by the High Court after spending three years on death row awaiting execution under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. Barney the parrot gave vital evidence in the trial of a man convicted of handling him as stolen goods: Barney whistled in appreciation at the sight of his rightful owner entering the witness box, and allowed her to tickle his chin. The High Court ruled that ports and harbours could not lawfully refuse to facilitate the export of live animals for slaughter. At Colchester County Court, Judge Brandt dismissed a litigant's complaint that his ability to present his case had been adversely affected by what he claimed to be snoring from the judge's dog, Barty, sleeping in court.

Prison law continued to expand. A county court judge awarded damages of £100 to a remand prisoner who complained that the barber at Doncaster prison had given him so short a haircut that it made him "look like a convict". The Hong Kong High Court held that the prison service was acting unlawfully by removing the racing pages from the newspapers of convicts. In San Diego, California, a prisoner optimistically sued for $2,000 dental expenses which, he complained, resulted from the refusal by his jailers to supply him with dental floss.

Sex was the subject of many court proceedings, and almost as many debates about the future of the legal profession. The Consistory Court of the Church of England found the Dean of Lincoln, the Very Rev Brandon Jackson, not guilty of adultery with a woman who claimed he had told her that she was as attractive as his cathedral. The deputy president of the Law Society was forced to stand down as a presidential candidate after allegations that he had been guilty of sexual harassment. A QC was suspended from practice for three months for sexual harassment of a client and a solicitor's clerk.

> Courts repeatedly ruled that famous football players were offside

Sportsmen, too, fell foul of the law. Courts repeatedly ruled that footballers were offside. Eric Cantona, of Manchester United, was ordered to perform 120 hours of community service for attacking a spectator. Duncan Ferguson, of Everton, was sent to prison for head-butting an opponent while playing for Glasgow Rangers in 1994. The European Court of Justice decided that European Union law prevents restrictions on the transfer of footballers whose contracts have ended, and prohibits Uefa rules which restrict the number of players from other EU countries who may represent a club.

In the criminal courts, Rosemary West was convicted of murdering ten young women and girls, including her own daughter. As prosecuting counsel, Brian Leveson, QC, told the jurors the evidence had "travelled to a place which plumbs the depths of human depravity". The jury was not persuaded by the submission made on behalf of Mrs West by Richard Ferguson, QC, that her involvement in the murders had not been proved. "This is not like the trial of O.J. Simpson. There are no bloody fingerprints here, no gloves, no DNA evidence." Mr Justice Mantell told the jury that the distinction in styles between Mr Leveson and Mr Ferguson was the "difference between a Canaletto and a Van Gogh".

> Barristers were warned of the danger of 'killing the golden goose'

In California's latest trial of the century — after 126 witnesses, 1,105 pieces of evidence, 16,000 objections, 300 sidebar conferences, and 500 apologies by the lawyers — O.J. Simpson was acquitted of murdering his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. The jury agreed with the lead defence attorney, Johnnie Cochran Jr, that "if it doesn't fit, you must acquit". The chief prosecuting counsel, Marcia Clark, signed a $4.2 million (£2.8 million) agreement to write a book about the case.

This year could see the last of large libel awards. *The Sunday Times* paid Michael Foot substantial damages for falsely suggesting that the former leader of the Labour Party had been a KGB agent, and Graham Souness, the former manager of Liverpool Football Club, won his case against *The People* for its erroneous suggestion that he had behaved like a "dirty rat" in his treatment of his first wife. But judges have exercised, under the protection of absolute privilege, their right to say what they think of the excesses of English libel law.

The European Court of Human Rights decided that freedom of speech had been infringed by the size of the libel damages award of £1.5 million which Count Tolstoy had been ordered to pay to Lord Aldington in 1989 for false allegations about his activities at the end of the Second World War. And in substantially reducing a jury award of damages to Elton John for defamatory articles in the *Sunday Mirror*, the Court of Appeal ruled that it was "offensive" for a plaintiff in libel proceedings to obtain damages "greater than if the same plaintiff had been rendered a helpless cripple or an insensate vegetable". From now on, juries in a libel trial will be encouraged to make realistic awards by being given guidance about the modest levels of damages for personal injuries.

Royalty, too, made use of Her Majesty's courts. The Prince of Wales won a High Court injunction against his personal valet, Ken Stronach, restraining him from making further revelations about his 15 years of service in the Royal Household. The Prince also obtained an order that his former housekeeper, Wendy Berry, pay to him all the profits earned from a book and articles she published abroad about his private life. The Prince did not seek an injunction to stop his wife giving interviews about their relationship.

Some problems in the justice system are perennial. In his interim report on the civil justice system in England and Wales, Lord Woolf explained that the legal process needs radical reform because it is "too expensive, too slow and too complex". He also warned barristers that their high fees risked "killing the golden goose".

In his annual report, Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, stated that "the due administration of justice" required the appointment of more judges to the Court of Appeal because "current delays in hearing appeals are of intolerable length".

But there were some reforms to the legal system. These included the introduction of conditional fees (no win, no fee) and permission for women advocates to wear trousers in court. A report criticised the cost of accommodating judges in lodgings on circuit.

In his last case before retiring as a law lord, Lord Bridge regretted that "the populist image of the geriatric judge, out of touch with the real world, is now reflected in the statutory presumption of judicial incompetence at the age of 75".

The world of the law is not always riveting. A murder trial at Winchester Crown Court was abandoned, and a retrial ordered, after the jurors complained that they could not concentrate because defence lawyers kept pointing at them. The lawyers responded that some of the jurors had been asleep during the proceedings. We must all try to focus on the issues in court in 1996.

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Sir Louis steps up

INS AND OUTS

SIR LOUIS BLOM-COOPER, QC, is the hot tip to be chairman of the Government's Criminal Cases Review Authority. He would like the job, and, say lawyers, would be good at it.

Meanwhile Judge Stephen Tumim, recently retired as the Chief Inspector of Prisons, has been sounded out by Martin Mears, the president of the Law Society, to take on the unenviable job of being the Visitor — a sort of inspector — of law firms' case files under his proposed reforms to the Solicitors Complaints Bureau.

But the reforms of the complaints system appear to have dropped down the agenda with all the work now in train on stamping out cut-price conveyancing fees. Proposals for the bureau to be made a department of the Law Society do not look likely to proceed.

CAB grant

THE Lord Chancellor has given a grant of £130,000 to the Citizens Advice Bureau in the Royal Courts of Justice which deals with the increasing number of people taking legal action without lawyers.

It is hoped it may prompt lawyers to dig into their pockets or do more *pro bono* work. At a carol service last week to raise funds for the bureau, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, welcomed the grant.

Lord Taylor said the small claims court had been successful, but that there was "no doubt that litigants in person face a daunting challenge, and that their cases sometimes take up a disproportionate amount of scarce court time — while others in the queue may have to wait longer for justice".

He hoped that the enhanced service now to be offered by the CAB in the Royal Courts of Justice would "act as a springboard for similar action elsewhere". The move must be matched, he said, by "equally effective action" with a systematic programme of *pro bono* work by lawyers.

Bible basher

A LOOSELEAF edition of *Cordery on Solicitors* has been published. It is the profession's bible — or as the publishers, Butterworths, put it, the "leading authority on every aspect of professional conduct, obligations and liability".

And who is among its list of esteemed editors? John Young, the deputy president of the Law Society who was forced to resign this summer from its council after allegations of sexual harassment.

Back under

CHRISTMAS sees a change of guard among the Australian firms in London. Rick Ladbury, who has been in charge of the Malleson Stephen Jacques office for eight years, is going home.

Asked if he is pleased to be finally packing his swagbag, he goes all poetic: "To quote Samuel Johnson — 'When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life'."

He is being replaced by Greg Hammond. Jim Dunstan, of Allen Arthur Robinson's office, is also returning to Australia. He is being replaced by Duncan Wall, a dual-qualified Australian-English lawyer who is joining the firm from Allen & Overy.

Tim Brookes, of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, is also returning after six years in London. He is being replaced by David Todd.

Assault course

SPORTSMEN and women may feel flattered that King's College London is to begin Britain's first university post-graduate course in sports law late next year.

The course, led by the law lecturer Adam Tomkins, will help to establish sports law as an academic discipline in the country.

But there is one discipline included in the curriculum which, no doubt, the sports establishment wished did not have to be part of the course.

Alongside contracts, sponsorship and tax, students will be discussing criminal law, especially "assault and battery".

Change partners

IN THE top City firms, only three senior partners have the classic English public school and Oxbridge education.

According to a survey by *In Brief* magazine, only one "has the sort of toffee-nosed education [Eton/Oxbridge] that you might expect of a stereotypical senior partner. Nor is Bill Shelford, of Cameron Markby Hewitt, toffee-nosed."

Of the rest, only Vanni Treves, at Macfarlanes, and Andrew Soundy, at Ashurst Morris Crisp, have similar backgrounds. David McIntosh, a senior partner at Davis Arnold Cooper, left school at 15 and did not go to university.

He says: "The historical stereotype of the senior partner is not what the marketplace requires now. It requires an unpretentious, down-to-earth approach."

SCRIVENOR

Saddam counts the cost

Jeffrey A. Jannuzzo on Gulf War settlements



Saddam's Gulf War human shields, including Britons, will get cash compensation

The bill is in for humanitarian claims against Iraq from the Gulf War. The United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) in Geneva — set up to settle the claims arising from the conflict — announced last Wednesday that it has resolved the claims of two million people, and will finish another 200,000 by next summer. The bill: $12 billion (£8 billion).

When Iraq again sells oil, the UN will seize 30 per cent of its expected revenues of $20 billion a year, and thus should be able to pay all the awards in less than two years.

The commission also announced that it had not only completed the special category of expedited claims for death and serious injury, but had now sent the funds to pay all those claims to the governments concerned. The UK claimants did particularly well. Out of 240 individual claims, only 13 were rejected, and the total paid, at $402,500, is the fifth highest of any nation. Many of these special interim awards went to British subjects held hostage and used as "human shields" by Iraq, and include medical costs for post-traumatic stress disorder. Most of the special category claimants are still eligible for additional awards.

Carlos Alzamora, the executive secretary of the UNCC, said: "To have resolved in four years almost two million of the 2.6 million claims, at a minimum operating cost, qualifies this operation as the fastest and most economical of its kind in international claims history."

The UNCC resolved two million claims with a staff that never exceeded 100. Its panels of distinguished commissioners decided cases part-time for a small stipend. The UNCC staff worked tremendously hard. By contrast, the Iran-US Claims Tribunal in The Hague has sat for 15 years and still not finished its 4,000 cases. That tribunal had a peak staff of 84; its judges' salaries average $200,000.

The UNCC is a milestone in international law, and quietly marks a sea-change in response to armed aggression. All prior war claims processess were, in the final analysis, imposed by the powerful on the vanquished. Which is not to say they were unfair. But there is a difference between power and law, no matter how fairly the power is applied.

The Gulf War damage awards have the authority of the world community. By next month, 45 UN-member nations will have served on the governing council of the UNCC, the international political body that makes all policy decisions, and which alone has the power to impose the damage awards. Every decision of the council has been taken by consensus: that is, without opposition by any nation.

International business lawyers are eagerly awaiting the start of the UNCC's review of the billions of dollars of corporate and governmental claims. The first panels will be appointed by next summer, with

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more named continuously thereafter.

A slightly different procedure will apply to the corporate claims. The humanitarian cases were decided in instalments by commissioners sitting in a series of four-month sessions. Each instalment was a one-shot submission: the panel received the completed files and no follow-ups were permitted. Iraq's participation was limited to responses to quarterly status reports. In the humanitarian cases, where the issue was whether someone was killed or tortured, or expelled from the country, this procedure was fair and necessary.

In the corporate and governmental cases, it is more likely that commissioners will submit one set of questions to the claimants, and, in complex cases, accept a response from Iraq.

The commissioners will then go into recess — and leave the UN payroll — until the cases are fully briefed. When the commissioners return, they will face a firm deadline of either six or 12 months to render a final decision.

The world now looks at Bosnia, where millions of people have abandoned homes and belongings in lands controlled by others. Bosnia is different. But if the UNCC can resolve two million cases in four years with a staff of 100, perhaps the people of Bosnia can find justice as well.

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Unlawful conduct not disgraceful

Plenderleith v Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord Hoffmann

[Reasons December 11]

A veterinary surgeon's conduct, although in breach of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, was not disgraceful in a professional respect in employing two veterinary surgeons, before they were registered by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, when he knew that they had European veterinary qualifications entitling them to be registered and that they had applied for registration.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held when allowing an appeal by the appellant, Mr Robert William James Plenderleith, against the determination of the disciplinary committee of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons on January 24, 1995, that by reason of findings of disgraceful conduct in a professional respect his registration would be suspended for four months.

Mr James Dingemans for the appellant; Mr Paul Rees and Mr Richard Booth for the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

LORD SLYNN said that the appellant was a veterinary surgeon of long experience. With associates he provided veterinary services at a number of clinics in Lincolnshire.

Sharon, a cat, was taken to one at Louth on May 7, 1994 and was seen by a man who advised and injected a vaccine. On July 30, 1994, she was seen by a woman who gave an injection. On each occasion a certificate was signed by the person giving the injection stating that the vaccine had been administered.

Two charges were brought by the college alleging that the appellant on the first occasion caused or permitted his employee, a Mr C. J. Cornilesse, to provide veterinary care to Sharon when the appellant knew or ought to have known that Mr Cornilesse was not registered in the register of veterinary surgeons and alleging that, on the second occasion, another employee, Miss C. M. Bermingham, whom again the appellant knew or ought to have known was not so registered, had been caused or permitted to provide such services.

On the relevant dates neither employee was registered. On the other hand both held a recognised European qualification in veterinary surgery. Mr Cornilesse was a member of the Royal Netherlands Veterinary Association. Miss Bermingham was entered on the Register of Veterinary Surgeons for Ireland.

By section 5A of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, inserted by article 3(2) of the Veterinary Surgeons Qualifications (EEC Recognition) Order (SI 1980 No 1951), they were entitled to be registered in the register of the college and, on being registered, to become a member of the college.

The appellant contended that in doing what he did he could not be said to have conducted himself disgracefully in a professional respect.

He did not attend the hearing of the disciplinary committee but he swore an affidavit in which he explained the difficulty veterinary surgeons had at the time in recruiting qualified persons to fill permanent positions and even to find suitable locums.

In order to carry on his practice he had been willing to employ veterinary surgeons qualified in other member states of the European Community, but he complained that as it took so long to get the registration through, he had gone ahead and had employed Mr Cornilesse and Miss Bermingham even before they were registered.

On April 26, 1994, Mr Cornilesse asked to be registered by the college. If the registration could have been dealt with on receipt of his letter, since as the assistant registrar of the college accepted in exceptional circumstances it could be done in one day, Mr Cornilesse could easily have been registered before Sharon's visit on May 7, 1994.

It was, however, the college's practice for administrative convenience to hold registration sessions every fortnight when a group of applicants would be dealt with together. In accordance with that practice, Mr Cornilesse attended the college, completed the application form and was registered on May 13, 1994.

Miss Bermingham attended at the college with Mr Cornilesse on May 13, 1994, asking to be registered. She produced her qualification documents but only her American passport and not her Irish one. The college was not prepared to accept that her Irish nationality had been proved. The provision of the documents and her visit to the college took place some two months before she treated Sharon on July 20, 1994.

The college took the stand that the two veterinary surgeons could not practise until they were registered and that on the two dates in question the appellant had been in breach of the 1966 Act. The matter was referred to the disciplinary committee.

It seemed reasonable that for good administrative reasons the college organised registration on a fortnightly basis rather than allowing people to come in at any time. Nor could it be said to be unreasonable that the college was not satisfied as to Miss Bermingham's Irish nationality when all she could produce was an American passport.

Assuming that Mr Cornilesse and Miss Bermingham should not have been employed unless they were registered on the dates respectively referred to in the charges, the question was whether the appellant's action in employing them in all the circumstances amounted to disgraceful conduct in a professional respect.

The words of the charge had their analogues in the disciplinary rules of other professions: see *Marten v Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Disciplinary Committee* ([1966] 1 QB 1); *Felix v General Dental Council* ([1960] AC 704); *Hughes v Architects Registration Council of the United Kingdom* ([1957] 2 QB 550) and *Allinson v General Council of Medical Education and Registration* ([1894] 1 QB 750).

Those cases made it clear that what was done had to be done in a professional respect and that it was not a prerequisite of the charge being proved that what was done had to involve some moral turpitude.

Their Lordships did not, however, consider that every breach of the disciplinary code or the statute or every commission of a criminal offence was necessarily to be regarded as "disgraceful conduct in a professional respect".

However technical a meaning "infamous" or "disgraceful" conduct might have been given, so as to render unnecessary a morally blameworthy act, there had to be a line below which conduct did not satisfy that test.

The Board was reluctant to interfere with a finding by professional men of "disgraceful conduct in a professional respect" by one of their colleagues.

On the other hand the appeal was in the nature of a rehearing in exactly the same way as the Court of Appeal dealt with appeals from a trial judge.

Their Lordships appreciated the obvious importance from the point of view of both the profession and of the public that only registered veterinary surgeons should be employed. It had, however, to be borne in mind that in the present case, both individuals had genuinely sought to register and the appellant was aware of that.

Both had the requisite qualifications. The delay was to some extent due to the administrative arrangements adopted.

Mr Cornilesse was registered within seven days of the offence charged: but for lack of a passport Miss Bermingham would have been registered two months before she treated Sharon.

Both were registered before proceedings were brought. The appellant seriously thought that the college was preventing the employment of veterinary surgeons qualified in the member states by the procedures which it adopted.

Upon all the evidence it could not reasonably be said that the appellant's conduct was "disgraceful in a professional respect", albeit he was in breach of the statute in employing the two veterinary surgeons.

Their Lordships regarded it as a special case in which they considered it right to recommend that the appeal should be allowed.

In the circumstances, it was unnecessary to decide the issues of European Community law which had been raised, for example, whether Council Directive 78/1026/EEC (OJ 1978 L362/1) in so far as not specifically incorporated into British law could be relied on by the appellant against the college.

Solicitors: Charles Russell; Hempsons.

Attendance allowance for resident of home

Steane and Another v Chief Adjudication Officer and Another

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Aldous and Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment December 7]

The duty of a local authority under Part III of the National Assistance Act 1948 to make arrangements for providing residential accommodation for a person who was in need of care and attention ceased on such care and attention becoming otherwise available to that person.

Accordingly, such a person was not excluded from entitlement to an attendance allowance by regulation 4(1)(c) of the Social Security (Attendance Allowance) (No 2) Regulations (SI 1975 No 598), as amended by the Social Security (Attendance Allowance) Amendment (No 3) Regulations (SI 1983 No 1741).

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by the Chief Adjudication Officer and the Secretary of State for Social Security from the decision of Mr J. Mesher, a social security commissioner, in which he held that the claimant, Mrs Vera Steane, was entitled to payment of attendance allowance.

The claimant was born in 1909 and on December 19, 1988 became a resident in a residential home called "Elmdon" which was owned and run by the Isle of Wight County Council. The claimant paid the full charge for her accommodation.

In 1990, the second respondent to the appeal, Islecare, a company limited by guarantee and registered as a charity, was established by the council to manage the residential care homes operated by the council. In 1991 Elmdon was leased by the council to Islecare which took over its management.

Before the transfer of Elmdon to Islecare, the residents, including the claimant, were informed of the proposed change and were offered a choice as to whether they wished to move to other residential accommodation provided by the council or to stay at Elmdon. The claimant elected the latter course and after the transfer she paid the charge for her accommodation to Islecare.

On May 20, 1991 the claimant's son, on her behalf, made an unsuccessful claim for attendance allowance. The Social Security Appeal Tribunal allowed the claimant's appeal and held that she was entitled to an attendance allowance. The Chief Adjudication Officer and the secretary of state's appeal against that decision was dismissed by the Social Security Commissioner.

Mr John Howell, QC, for the Chief Adjudication Officer and the secretary of state; Mr Roger McCarthy for the claimant and Islecare.

LORD JUSTICE ALDOUS said that the appeal raised issues of construction of the relevant legislation. Part III of the National Assistance Act 1948, sections 21 to 26, gave local authorities powers and duties to provide residential accommodation. Whereas section 21 confined the local authority's power to make arrangements for accommodation to that which was provided by it or another local authority, section 26 extended that to accommodation managed by a voluntary association.

Payment of attendance allowance was provided for in section 35 of the Social Security Act 1975 and it was accepted that the claimant satisfied the prescribed conditons. Pursuant to the 1975 Act, regulation 4 of the 1975 Regulations, as amended by the 1983 Regulations, provided:

"(1) ... attendance alowance shall not be payable in respect of a person who had attained the age of 16 for any period during which that person is living in accommodation ... (a) provided for him in pursuance of Part III of the National Assistance Act 1948, paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 to the National Health Service Act 1977 ... (c) provided for him in circumstances in which the cost of the accommodation may be borne wholly or partly out of public or local funds in pursuance of a scheduled enactment..."

Before the commissioner, Mr Howell's primary submission was that the claimant continued after the transfer of the management of Elmdon to Islecare to live in accommodation provided by the council under the 1948 Act and in particular section 21. That being so, attendance allowance was not payable having regard to regulation 4(1)(a) of the 1983 Regulations.

Under Part III of the 1948 Act an authority's duty, once it had arisen, could be discharged by making arrangements for a claimant to be provided with accommodation in premises managed by a voluntary association.

Thus when the claimant decided to remain at Elmdon she was merely choosing to be accommodated in accordance with an arrangement made by the council with Islecare rather than at another home managed by it. In essence she availed herself of the arrangement of the council.

The commissioner rejected that submission. He concluded that the council only had power to act and to incur expenditure when authorised to do so by the legislation.

In his view, once the care and attention which the claimant needed became available to her otherwise than by way of arrangements under sections 21 or 26 of the 1948 Act, the local authority's duty under section 21(1) ceased to exist.

When Islecare took over the management of Elmdon the necessary conditions required by section 26 did not exist, with the result that the continued provision of accommodation under the management of the voluntary organisation, Islecare, was not in pursuance of Part III of the 1948 Act.

At the date of the commissioner's decision the Court of Appeal's decision in *Chief Adjudication Officer v Harris* (unreported, April 15, 1994) was not available.

Mr Howell accepted that the court was bound by the conclusion of the Court of Appeal in the *Harris* case and in those circumstances his primary submission could not succeed. He told the court that the *Harris* case was to be considered by the House of Lords and, in those circumstances, he reserved his client's position.

Mr Howell went on to submit that nevertheless attendance allowance was not payable having regard to regulation 4(1)(c) of the amended 1975 Regulations which provided that no allowance should be payable for any period during which a person was living in accommodation "provided for him in circumstances in which the cost may be borne wholly or partly out of public funds in pursuance of a scheduled enactment".

In support he referred to *Jones v Insurance Officer* (unreported, February 15, 1984, CA). He also drew the court's attention to *Chief Adjudication Officer v Kenyon* (unreported, October 17, 1995, CA).

Contrary to Mr Howell's submission, his Lordship believed that Lord Justice Simon Brown was correct to distinguish *Jones* and to conclude that the issue in *Kenyon* arose directly for the first time.

Thus the conclusion reached in *Kenyon*, that the local authority did not have the power to pay unless and until it made arrangements for the accommodation or once the accommodation had been provided, for its costs, should be followed by the court.

The council did not make arrangements for the claimant's accommodation which she had at all times paid for. Thus, following *Kenyon*, the council had no power to pay for the claimant's accommodation pursuant to Schedule 8 of the National Health Service Act 1977 or the 1948 Act.

Lord Justice Hirst and Mr Justice Forbes agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Department of Social Security; Mr P. W. Pilgrem, Newport, IoW.

Beneficial interest in joint home in man's name

Drake v Whipp

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment November 30]

Where there was a common intention that the party who was not the legal owner of a property should have a beneficial interest and that party had acted to his or her detriment, a constructive trust was created.

A potent source of confusion in such property disputes was caused by the suggestion that it mattered not whether the terminology used was that of a constructive trust or that of a resulting trust.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Barbara Anne Drake, from the decision of Judge Walker sitting at Halifax County Court on May 18, 1994 whereby he assessed her beneficial interest in the home which she had shared with the defendant, Roger Whipp, at 19.4 per cent.

In 1988 the plaintiff and the defendant, who had been living together for three years, bought a barn for £61,254 of which the plaintiff provided £25,000 (40 per cent) and which was conveyed into the defendant's sole name. The sum of £129,536 was spent on conversion works to the property of which the plaintiff contributed £13,000.

In September 1991 the defendant formed a relationship with another woman and the plaintiff left. She brought proceedings in the county court seeking a declaration that the defendant held the property in trust for herself and himself in equal shares, or such shares as the court might think fit, an order for sale and division of the net proceeds, alternatively a payment by the defendant to her of a sum equal to her interest in the property.

Mr Nicholas Carlisle for the plaintiff; Ms Lesley Newton for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON said that yet again the court was asked to rule on a dispute between a man and a woman, who cohabited but were not married to each other, as to their respective beneficial interests in a property which they purchased to be their home but which was put into the man's name only.

The usual lengthy litany of authorities as well as more recent additions had been recited to the court and, as was notorious, it was not easy to reconcile every judicial utterance in that area of the law.

A potent source of confusion, to his Lordship's mind, had been suggestions that it mattered not whether the terminology used was that of the constructive trust to which the intention, actual or imputed, of the parties was crucial, or that of the resulting trust which operated as a presumed intention of the contributing party in the absence of rebutting evidence of actual intention.

His Lordship therefore welcomed the announcement earlier in the year that the Law Commission was to examine the property rights of homesharers.

In the present case it seemed to his Lordship that the judge made findings and there was undisputed evidence which amounted to there being a common understanding between the parties that they were to share beneficially. He found that it was their decision to purchase with contributions from each.

It was therefore remarkable that, notwithstanding the fact of a direct contribution to the purchase price, when Miss Newton addressed the judge she expressly conceded that there was no agreement and no common intention, and based her argument on a resulting trust.

The debate before the judge turned on whether it was permissible to take account of the respective contributions to the costs of the conversion in addition to the costs of acquisition, the plaintiff's case being that that could not be done under the doctrine of a resulting trust whereas the defendant's case was that it could and should be done on the facts of the present case in order to achieve fairness.

The judge agreed with the defendant. He found that both parties knew that to achieve the purpose of a home for which the barn was bought, substantial sums would have to be spent and the bulk of the cost met by the defendant as he had the savings and the earning capacity.

He found that their common intention was to purchase the property and carry out a conversion in accordance with plans earlier approved and that each should contribute, accordingly to his or her ability, to the ultimate cost.

He therefore found that the plaintiff's share of the total expenditure of £195,790, namely £38,000, entitled her to a 19.4 per cent share. He found that the value of the property was £225,000 and ordered that unless the defendant paid her 19.4 per cent of that amount, namely £43,650, the property be sold.

The plaintiff now appealed to the court. Mr Carlisle submitted that the judge wrongly conflated the separate doctrines of constructive trust and resulting trust, whereas he was only concerned with a resulting trust.

That, he submitted, required attention to be paid only to the cost of acquisition of the property, the cost of its subsequent enhancement being irrelevant.

When it was put to him that it was a case of a constructive trust by reason of a common understanding or intention acted on by his client to her detriment, he submitted that there had to be a common intention as to the respective shares to be taken by the intended beneficial owners.

In his Lordship's judgment, that was an impossible argument in the light of the authorities. All that was required for the creation of a constructive trust was that there should be a common intention that the party who was not the legal owner should have a beneficial interest and that that party should act to his or her detriment in reliance thereon.

Given the clear view that their Lordships had formed that the present case was one of a constructive trust and that Miss Newton's concession that there was no common intention was wrongly made, it would in his Lordship's judgment be artificial in the extreme to proceed to decide the appeal on the false footing that the parties' shares were to be determined in accordance with the law on resulting trusts.

However, it would be wrong to proceed on the true basis if the plaintiff was thereby put at a disadvantage which would not have happened but for the concession.

As Mr Carlisle rightly pointed out, in constructive trust cases, the court could adopt a broad brush approach to determining the parties' respective shares.

His Lordship noted that while it was open to the plaintiff to argue at the trial for constructive trust and for a 50 per cent share, she opted to rely solely on a resulting trust and a 40.1 per cent share.

In the circumstances, his Lordship would hold that her fair share should be one third.

Lord Justice Hirst and Mr Justice Forbes agreed.

Solicitors: T. I. Clough & Co, Bradford; Finn Gledhill & Co, Halifax.

Minister's refusal to order inquest with no body upheld on judicial review

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Weatherhead

Before Mr Justice May

[Judgment December 14]

Where a body had been destroyed or was irrecoverable a reference to the Home Secretary to exercise his discretion to order an inquest under section 15 of the Coroner's Act 1988 could be made even though it was not certain that the person had died.

The Queen's Bench Division so held when dismissing an application by Christine Weatherhead, for judicial review of the decision of the secretary of state on February 2, 1995 that it was not desirable to direct that an inquest be held into the alleged death of her sister, Patricia Hall, under section 15 of the 1988 Act.

Keith Hall had been tried in 1994 at Leeds Crown Court for the murder of his wife. A taped confession that he had strangled her and burned the body in an incinerator was ruled inadmissible and he was acquitted. The secretary of state while recognising the wish of the family to have an official pronouncement of death considered that to order an inquest would be to subject Mr Hall to a second judicial process and that it would be intolerable if the finding of the inquest were in effect that Mrs Hall had been murdered by her husband.

Mr Tim Owen and Miss Quincy Whitaker for the applicant; Mr Ian Burnett for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE MAY said that the present and statutory functions of a coroner normally existed where there was a dead body and therefore the fact of death was not normally in dispute.

In the present case, the respondent had submitted that it was not a proper exercise of discretion to require an inquest where the purpose was to establish that a person was dead and not merely missing. His Lordship rejected that stark submission.

The foundation of the coroner's discretion to report the facts to the secretary of state under section 15 was his reason to believe that a death had occurred and it was different from a normal inquiry because the body had been destroyed or was irrecoverable. What triggered the discretion was the coroner's belief.

In absolute terms where there was no body the coroner's belief might or might not br correct but there was no suggestion that the coroner's belief had to be elevated to a certainty because the secretary of state's discretion arose.

The secretary of state had not proceeded on such a stark understanding and it was legitimate to proceed under section 15 where the coroner had reason to believe that a death had occurred but was not in fact certain.

The Home Secretary had proceeded on the basis that the requirements in section 15(1) were satisfied and that had been the correct approach. There was no error of law or irrationality revealed in the secretary of state's decision.

An inquest was likely to be seen in any but narrow legalistic terms as directed towards a verdict whose substance would be that Mr Hall was the killer. A verdict of unlawful killing might not be inconsistent with his acquittal but that was how everyone would regard it.

The discretion of the secretary of state under section 15 was very wide and it was not for the court to substitute its discretion simply because it might have come to a different conclusion had the discretion been vested in the court. Accordingly the application failed.

Solicitors: Hodge Jones & Allen, Camden; Treasury Solicitor.

Confidential status of information

Maudsley v Palumbo and Others

Before the status of "confidential information" could be attributed to a concept or idea it was necessary to have gone far beyond identifying a desirable goal: a considerable degree of particularity in a definite product needed to be shown to be the result of the mental process in question.

Mr Justice Knox so held in the Chancery Division on December 12, in dismissing an action brought by the plaintiff, Ray de Maudsley, against James Rudolph Palumbo, Humphrey Vlademar Waterhouse, Justin Charles Berkmann, Dance Studio UK Ltd and Danceclub Ltd, in which the plaintiff sought against all the defendants an inquiry as to damages and an injunction restraining breaches of confidence in his idea for an all-night dance club, whether by using or disclosing it.

MR JUSTICE KNOX said that on the evidence the action failed on all three elements stated as requisite to establish a breach of confidence by Mr Justice Megarry in *Coco v A. N. Clark (Engineers) Ltd* ([1969] RPC 41): nsmely (i) the information must have the necessary quality of confidence, (ii) it must have been imparted in circumstances importing an obligation of confidence and (iii) there must have been an unauthorised use of that information.

However, in his Lordship's view, the plaintiff had been rather shabbily treated, in that he had been encouraged to think that he would be part of the defendants' enterprise but had only been disabused of that long after Mr Palumbo and Mr Waterhouse had decided that he would not.

Starting new company with name similar to old

Penrose and Another v Official Receiver

Before Mr Justice Chadwick

[Judgment October 18]

In exercising its discretion whether to allow a director of a company which had gone into insolvent liquidation to be a director of a company with a similar name, the court should have regard only to the purpose of section 216 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and the mischiefs it was designed to eliminate.

Therefore, it was not normally appropriate to take into account the risk that the new company might fail by reason of the lack of experience of its directors and under-capitalisation.

Mr Justice Chadwick so held in the Chancery Division, sitting at the Birmingham District Registry, on an appeal from District Judge Sankey who had dismissed an application by Timothy James Alan Penrose and Ruth Finch Penrose for leave, pursuant to section 216(3) of the 1986 Act to be directors of a company known as Hudsons Coffee Houses (Holdings) Ltd. The Official Receiver opposed the application.

Mr Michael Fay for the applicants; Miss Sandra Bristol for the Official Receiver.

MR JUSTICE CHADWICK said that the applicants sought the leave of the court pursuant to section 216(3) of the 1986 Act to continue trading through a new company which bore a name that was the same as or closely similar to that of a company which had gone into insolvent liquidation and of which they had been directors.

The name of the old company was Hudsons Coffee Houses Ltd. It was ordered to be wound up by the court on the ground that it was unable to pay its debts and was undoubtedly an insolvent company for the purposes of section 216.

The name of the new company was Hudsons Coffee Houses (Holdings) Ltd and there was no doubt that that was a prohibited name for the purposes of section 216(2).

The Official Receiver's report concluded that on the evidence available the cause of the old company's failure was "the withdrawal of bank overdraft facilities, rapid expansion, lack of capital, inexperienced management and inadequate controls aggravated by declining turnover due to a downturn in trade in the shopping developments".

The district judge did not take the view that trading under the name of the new company was going to cause any risk or detriment to the creditors of the old company; nor that the use of the new company's name was going to lead to expropriation out of the assets of the old company of goodwill or trade connection which could have been realised for the benefit of its creditors.

He accepted that the applicants had paid "over the odds" for the assets which they had taken over and that they had caused the new company to make payments to the creditors of the old company in respect of debts which those creditors would not otherwise have been able to recover.

It was also clear that the district judge did not base his judgment on any view that future creditors of the new company would be misled by the fact that it would be trading under the control of the applicants with a name similar to the name of the old company.

His view was, in short, that the proposed trading through the medium of an under-capitalised company exposed the creditors of that company to an unacceptable risk.

The question for his Lordship was therefore whether it was appropriate, when considering an application for leave under section 216 to take into account the risk that the new company would fail by reason of the lack of experience of its directors and the under-capitalisation.

In his view it was necessary and appropriate, when considering that question, to keep in mind the provisions of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986. His Lordship considered in particular sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 17 of that Act.

The disqualification imposed by section 216 was not imposed for any of the reasons to be found in sections 2 to 6 of the Disqualification Act. It was not imposed because the applicant had been convicted of any offence, found guilty of any fraud, been in persistent breach of any provision in company legislation or found unfit to be a director.

It was imposed simply because the applicants wished to continue trading through a limited company with a prohibited name. In those circumstances it seemed wrong in principle to treat an applicant who sought leave under section 216 to be a director of a company with a prohibited name as if he were a person who had been disqualified for any of the reasons under the Disqualification Act unless there was evidence which showed that he ought to be disqualified for one or more of those reasons.

In particular, it was wrong to treat him, without evidence of misconduct, as if he were unfit to be a company director.

There would be cases where the circumstances were such that the court would have disqualified the director under section 6 of the Disqualification Act.

In such cases it would be wrong to give leave under section 216 of the Insolvency Act only to make a disqualification order on a subsequent application.

In such cases leave under section 216 should not be granted save in accordance with the principles that would be applied on an application under section 17 of the Disqualification Act.

But unless the court was satisfied on the material which was before it on the application under section 216 that the applicant was a person whose conduct in relation to that liquidating company made him unfit to be concerned in the management of a company, it should exercise its discretion under section 216(3) with regard only to the purposes for which section 216 was enacted and not on the more general basis that the public required some protection from an applicant's activities as a company director.

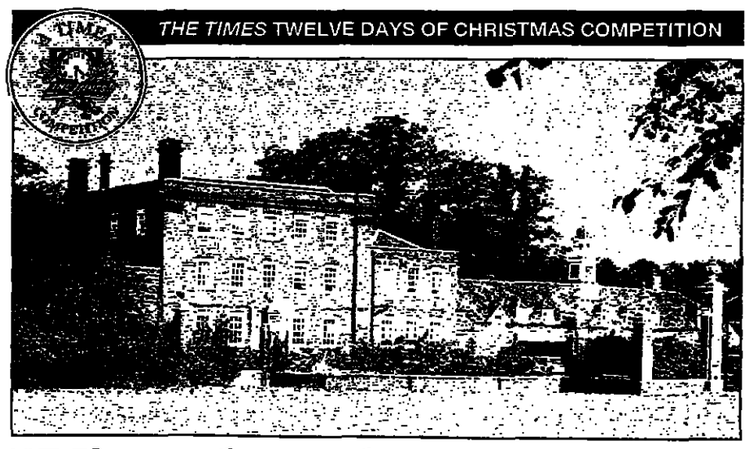
In those circumstances his Lordship was satisfied that the district judge erred in principle. Accordingly he was free to substitute his own discretion.

In the light of the facts disclosed in the Official Receiver's report and the relevant affidavit there was no risk to the creditors of the new company beyond that which was permitted under the law relating to the incorporation of limited liability companies; that is to say, no risk beyond that which the legislators, in permitting those who were inexperienced to trade through companies which were under-capitalised had to have been taken to have regarded as acceptable.

Accordingly, it would not be right to refuse leave on those grounds. There being no other grounds to justify refusal leave would be granted under section 216(3).

In coming to that conclusion his Lordship departed to some extent from the view of Mr Justice Morritt expressed in *In re Bonus Breaks Ltd* ([1991] BCC 546, 548) which was, as far as he knew, the only reported case on an application under section 216.

Solicitors: Irwin - Mitchell, Birmingham; Treasury Solicitor.



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■ VISUAL ART 1

The austere authority of William Turnbull is explored in the Serpentine's new exhibition



■ VISUAL ART 2

Bridget Riley in conversation, and other books for Christmas, reviewed by Richard Cork

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■ VISUAL ART 3

John Keane, master of ironic political juxtaposition, goes on show at Flowers East

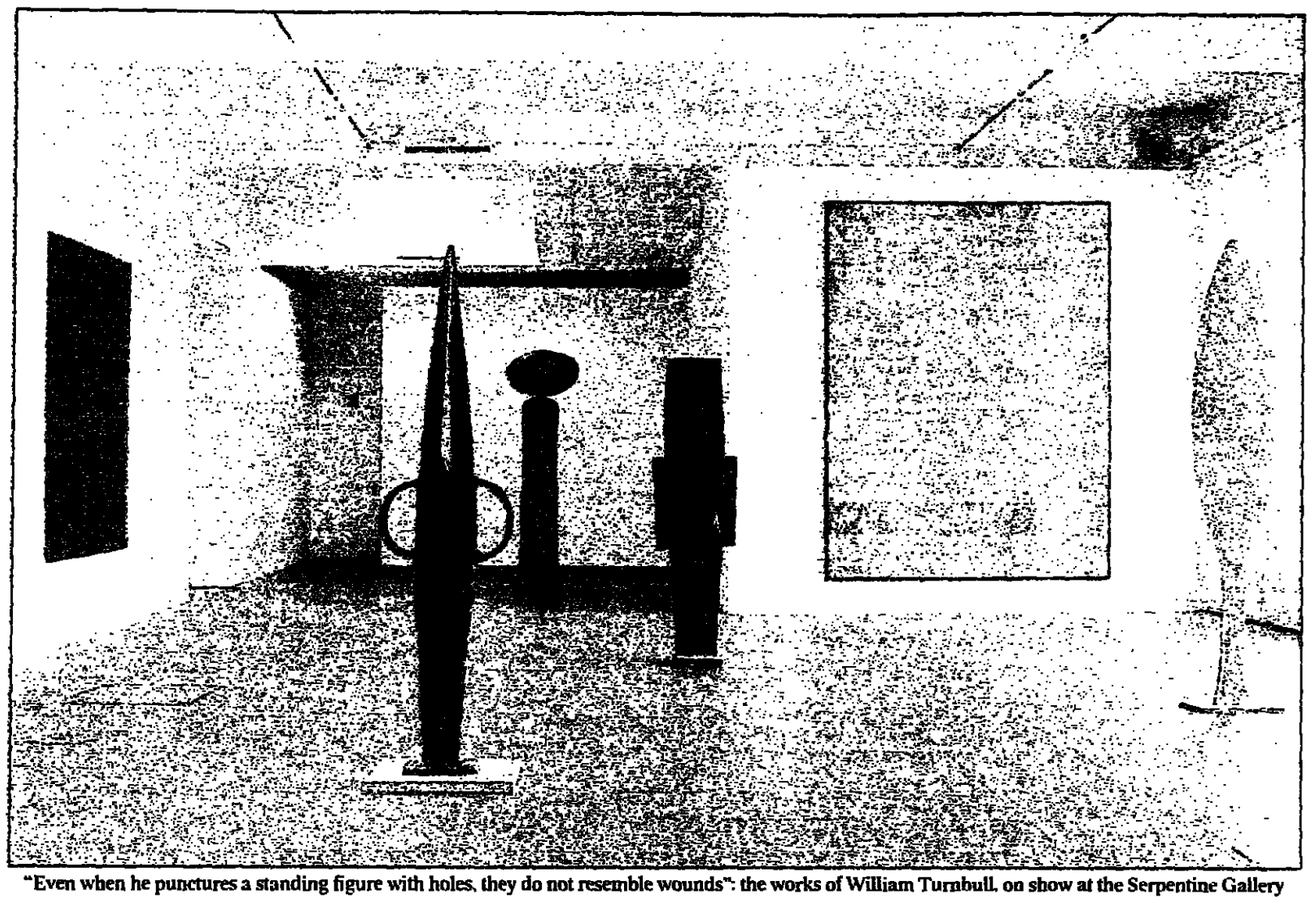


■ VISUAL ART 4

. . . while Paul Hogarth's Croatian drawings take an unexpectedly benign view of that troubled region

Richard Cork admires the gentle strength of sculptor William Turnbull's work; plus other recommended shows

Watchful calm after the storm



"Even when he punctures a standing figure with holes, they do not resemble wounds": the works of William Turnbull, on show at the Serpentine Gallery

Winter is the ideal time for a William Turnbull exhibition at the Serpentine Gallery. Outside, the trees stand lean and stark in the pale light of Kensington Gardens. Inside, Turnbull's frontal, free-standing bronzes look equally purged. I have never seen these rooms taken over by such a spirit of absolute stillness. Sculptural form is here pruned of everything that might impair its essential strength.

To judge by the earliest exhibits, this passion for austerity marked his work from the outset. Most artists only manage to arrive at a pared-down state after a considerable amount of searching. But Turnbull set himself against superfluity in his very first term at the Slade School of Art.

The year was 1946, and he had just emerged from active service as an RAF pilot. Like the other young sculptors who were about to transform post-war British sculpture, he was in no mood to celebrate the advent of peace. Victory did not generate any triumphalism in this remarkable, tough-minded generation. They had witnessed too much destruction, and the continuing international tensions drove them towards an art of vigilance, tautness and economy.

Nobody was more spare in his approach than the young Turnbull. Before the war, he had endured privation in Depression-wracked Dundee when his father, an engineer, was made redundant. Forced to leave school at 15, Turnbull must soon have learnt how to make do with less. He may also have become wary at an early age, stiffening himself to withstand life's vicissitudes.

At any rate, there is certainly an armoured feeling in the bronze *Horse* he produced in 1946. It has a visor-like aspect, suggesting that the man who made it had no intention of shedding the defensive readiness acquired during the years of slump and military discipline.

At the same time, these early pieces seem vulnerable. No aggression can be detected in *Horse* or the other bronzes Turnbull produced in the same period. A lot of the figures that appear in *Game* or *Mobile Stabile* are as slender as stalks. They suggest that Giacometti, whom Turnbull visited many times during a two-year stay in Paris, became for a while the dominant influence on his work. Humanity takes on the fragility of a grasshopper, and in *Heavy Insect* six attenuated forms stand or sway on a thin base scarcely able to support them.

The unease in Turnbull's early work should not, however, be exaggerated. He is far too controlled an artist to convey outright anxiety. He has a passion for order, and his innate gentleness prevents him from producing images that attempt to disturb. *Head 2*, a small reclining bronze made in 1955, may look battered enough to be the victim of some catastrophic assault, but the possibility that it might survive a nuclear attack is entirely outweighed by its paradoxical serenity.

> "He is far too controlled to convey outright anxiety"

For all his commitment to renewal, both as a sculptor and a painter of remarkably minimal canvases, Turnbull shies away from making overt references to the modern world. He was for a while an enthusiastic member of the Independent Group, whose discussions at the ICA encompassed many of the concerns that would eventually surface in Pop Art. Even so, no one could have been less interested in making advertisements, science fiction or magazine illustrations the subject of his work. Instead, he is likely to have been especially involved with the group's fondness for ranging back over the whole history of art, and finding as much stimulus in prehistoric objects as in the strip cartoons Turnbull once drew for the D.C. Thomson publishing group.

Ultimately, though, his own bronzes seem to be engaged in a search for the very origins of sculpture. They grew more substantial in the late 1950s, replacing the previous etiolation with a feeling for the solidity of three-dimensional form. They grew taller, too, enabling a *Female Figure* to impress us with her palpable sense of bulk.

The articulation of this figure, though, has little to do with conventional anatomy. Turnbull began pressing objects and making marks in his wet clay with brusque simplicity. They give *Female Figure* a corrugated quality far removed from the smoothness usually associated with a woman's body. She manifests Turnbull's developing fascination with metamorphosis — the title of a 1955 sculpture so enigmatic it is capable of generating many possible meanings.

All the same, Turnbull left very little doubt about his engagement with form at its most elemental. As its title indicates, the 1957 *Totemic Figure* has the presence of a deity erected in a locale remote from the reality of 20th-century urban life. It is a severe work, in the sense that everything has been reduced to a sequence of bare, angular planes. But it also exudes a profound calm. This is the most abiding emotion generated by the Serpentine show, and heightened by an exceptionally lucid installation.

Even when Turnbull punctures a standing figure with holes, they do not resemble wounds. The sculpture is called *Source*, and he invites us to imagine that beneficent liquid might easily spring from these cavities. Although several of the large paintings he produced in the late 1950s contain passages as turbulent as a storm or a shell-burst, agitation of this kind is never allowed to disrupt his bronzes' consistent emphasis on erect, watchful placidity.

By the mid-1960s, Turnbull was ready to change. He began working in steel, painted or polished so that it became redolent of the machine age. By excluding this period, the Serpentine show stresses the powerful continuity of concerns linking his 1950s sculpture with the work he has produced over the past decade. For bronze finally reasserted its supremacy as his favourite material. He cast aside the industrialised rigidity of steel and returned to a more organic vision where human and plant forms achieve a new, highly poetic fusion.

The pre-classical idols of the Mediterranean world now began to reign still more imperturbably than before. At first, they were amalgamated with the forms of succulent leaves. Balanced gracefully on a small stone base, the deep green *Leaf Venus 2* can only be identified as a woman by a few modest incisions suggesting face and hands on the surface of the bronze.

Understatement soon becomes Turnbull's forte in these late works, and yet it is not accompanied by any loss of eloquence. These figures gain from their compressed quietude, particularly in the largest room, where a few standing forms preside over their surroundings with potent conviction.

Sometimes these idols take as their starting-point Japanese swords or Chinese chopping knives. By the time Turnbull transforms them into his own images, though, the sculptures lose whatever latent violence the blades once possessed. Seen in a cluster, they seem as lyrical as sails responding to a soft breeze.

This sense of incipient movement provides a key to the success of Turnbull's recent work. Rather than appearing inert, even the most static of his *Queen* figures look utterly alert. Based on his sons' surfboards, they soar through the white Serpentine spaces with sublime agility and poise.

● *William Turnbull, sponsored by Tag Heuer, at the Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London WC2 (0171-723 9072) until Jan 7. Closed Dec 23-26 and Jan 1*

ART BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

The most surprising of recent books about art turns out to be fiction rather than fact. Although written by Christopher Green, professor of art history at the Courtauld Institute, **One Man Show** is a novel (Abacus, £9.99). But everything in it benefits from Green's insider knowledge of how the reputations of artists are made. Invited to write the catalogue for Jack Driver's posthumous retrospective at the Tate Gallery, Roland Matthias finds himself ensnared in a labyrinth of conspiracies, lies and calamitous revelations.

Unlike Jack Driver, Bridget Riley is able to talk about her own work in **Dialogues on Art** (Zwemmer, £15.95), where five interviewers draw out her thoughts on past art, colour perception, abstract theory and other topics.

Sir Ernst Gombrich, numbered among Riley's interlocutors, reappears as an author with **The Story of Art** (Phaidon, £19.99). First published 45 years ago, and reprinted many times, this justly celebrated book now benefits from a handsome redesign.

The tireless Gombrich also contributes, once more as an interviewer, to **Antony Gormley** (Phaidon, £19.99). The excellent illustrations disclose exactly how Gormley has revitalised the tradition of figurative sculpture, both before and after winning the Turner Prize in 1994.

Another Turner prizewinner, **Richard Deacon**, is the subject of a companion book (Phadon, £19.99), which features illuminating texts to accompany superbly presented plates.

James Lingwood, who was instrumental in commissioning Rachel Whiteread's legendary **House**, has now edited a commemorative book on this much-lamented sculpture (Phaidon, £19.99).

Henri Gaudier-Brzeska was the most precocious of the early 20th-century sculptors who have inspired generations of Britons. By the time of his death aged 23 he had achieved an astonishing amount. In **Gaudier-Brzeska: Artist and Myth** (Sansom & Co, £19.95), Roger Cole concentrates largely on biographical matters and publishes much new material.

If Gaudier had survived the First World War, he might well have retreated from extreme Vorticist innovation. In France, many of his fellow-countrymen turned towards tradition, and the increasing conservatism of their inter-war art is the subject of Romy Golan's admirable **Modernity & Nostalgia** (Yale, £35). Long before New York superseded Paris as the prime centre for modern Western art, France's commitment to the new had faltered.

The vigour of **French Painting in the 17th Century** is revealed in Alain Merot's major study of the period (Yale, £45). The giants of the time — Claude, Poussin and Georges de La Tour — are familiar enough. But Merot's fresh research puts them in a rich context, and he illuminates a host of far less familiar work by other French painters.

Focusing on one artist from the next century of French art, Susan L. Siegfried transforms our understanding of **Louis-Leopold Boilly** (Yale, £40). When he retired from painting in 1829, the indefatigable Boilly had produced 4,500 small portraits. But Siegfried is fascinated by the social attitudes in Boilly's work.

Peg Weiss performs a similar eye-opening operation in **Kandinsky and Old Russia** (Yale, £40). Weiss's scholarly book shows how important Kandinsky's interest in the folklore of his country really was. Like Joseph Beuys, he was fascinated by the healing powers of the shaman, and the belief that the artist can be a cultural healer.

Beuys is given a major place in Edward Lucie-Smith's **Art Today** (Phaidon, £39.99), a useful, if curiously anonymous, compendious survey of the diverse ways of seeing explored by artists now.

RICHARD CORK

Well-connected pictures of history

Charles Hall reviews the work of John Keane, the war artist, who wears his politics on his canvas

A fat American dominates the foreground; he wears vile shorts, a Mickey Mouse baseball cap, dark glasses and a T-shirt bearing the design of a gun-toting guerrilla. In the background, we see a faded, rather battered mural in the Mexican revolutionary style.

End of the century (Diego revisited) is a perfect image of a capitalist tourist for whom a history of revolutionary struggle has been safely reduced to a heritage product. It could only be by John Keane. No other painter organises his political arguments quite so neatly, or would want to: painting may be firmly back on the agenda, but "history painting" is something else.

That is partly because history painting is essentially an establishment tradition — Keane himself was an official war artist in the Gulf. But his idea of history is thoroughly contemporary, not to say journalistic, in its complexity and scepticism. He gives us interesting juxtapositions, suggestive of unsuspected relationships. One characteristic Gulf work showed an American soldier guarding the Arab owner of a smart red car, who is watching an oil well burn. The picture, entitled *We are making a new world order*, is bordered by large quantities of banknotes. No wonder the tabloids hated him.

Keane's feeling for suggestive juxtaposition often expresses itself in the use of collage. He slaps his evidence down in front of you, daring you to differ from his own conclusions. That is possibly why his best work is done on paper, where his paint flickers and glides quickly, informally over the smooth surface. It is like being cornered by a very witty but frighteningly well informed dining companion. The sheer speed and conviction of the connections is almost irresistible.

But it can cause trouble when he chooses to work in oil on canvas: here, pleasing insights become lumbering rhetorical flourishes. *Graham Greene and the jungle of human dilemma* is a case in point — a triptych in which the figure of Graham Greene is balanced by a hanged man and a firing squad in front of a cathedral; the central panel is dominated by a caped figure on a horse, with an assortment of exotic fauna, the Virgin Mary and a computer-friendly Zapatista rebel: on this scale, it is too much to digest.

Keane, though, may have started to identify this problem. *Art and revolution (part I)* seems to represent something of a departure. We see Trotsky at his desk — a desk littered with, among other things, collaged pages from his essay on the possibilities and duties of revolutionary art, *Historical objectivity and artistic truth*. Behind him we see a silhouetted figure carrying an ice pick — this, evidently, is the moment before his assassination. In one sense, it is a classic Keane construction. It suggests the extinction of one kind of history painting by another: Trotsky was assassinated on Stalin's orders, and Stalin helped to define the socialist realist tradition which helped to condemn figurative and political painting to the wasteland.



Death knell: John Keane's *Art and revolution (part I)*

But then Keane has written Trotsky's words on the canvas — not a theoretical statement, but this: "Natasha has just come up to the window from the courtyard and opened it so the air may enter more freely to my room . . . life is beautiful. Let the future generations cleanse it of all evil, oppression and violence."

The effect is to restore emotional life to a cultural name, and save the painting from its apparent iconography. The painting does much more than communicate a complex argument: it convinces you that the argument really matters.

● *John Keane at Flowers East (0181-985 3333), until Jan 7*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

As well as being a watercolourist and draughtsman of exceptional repute, Paul Hogarth is also a scholar and expert on pictorial journalism. This sometimes promotes a sort of snobbish agonising over his work. Is it real art, or is it highly accomplished reportage? The first thought that occurs in relation to his new show, *Paul Hogarth in Croatia*, is: who cares? There is, of course, an anecdote behind it. Hogarth was much involved, at the beginning of the Yugoslav conflict, with an auction of original art donated to help the restoration of damaged monuments in Croatia. As a token of appreciation, the Croatian Government invited him to come and work in Croatia whenever he wanted. In the event, he has eschewed the obvious: there is only one picture of war damage. Instead, Hogarth has responded to the warmth and happy eccentricity of the people and, overwhelmingly, to the architecture. There are wonderful evocations of crumbling neo-baroque finery in Zagreb, medieval turrets and bastions, lime-washed seaside houses, and dozens of unexpected oddities. They are mostly beset by funny little cartoony figures, but there is no doubting the traditional skills that have gone into getting it all right, and genuinely charming. Hogarth is now approaching 80, but who could believe it when faced with all this youth and vitality?

Francis Kyle Gallery, 9 Maddox Street, London W1 (0171-499 6570) until Jan 25

☐ THE monoprint is a tricky form. It requires not only quickness of the eye, but quickness of the brush, since the whole effect of the transfer from first surface to second (usually paper) is ruined if the paint has time to dry too much. This is why it is known as a "*mono*" print, as there is seldom time to pull more than one satisfactory impression. Bill Jacklin has long been known as a master of the medium, and his mastery is reasserted with dazzling effect in his new show. Within the past four years he has shown astonishing monoprint images of bathers caught in the flash of sun and spray on Coney Island, or of people in Hong Kong hit by a sudden wind-borne downpour as they scurry along one of the city's characteristic raised walkways. This time he is back in his adopted home, New York, with some thrillingly immediate variations on the theme of the skaters in Central Park. On his way back from his Hong Kong stint he went to Bali for the first time, and this experience has produced a group of glowing prints of an open-air dance lesson on the beach, under the trees. The show does not neglect Jacklin's touch with more evidently considered forms: a suite of six etchings of Hong Kong scenes triumphantly avoids the touristic, going straight for the essence. The subject may be Hong Kong, but the balance of form and feeling is universal.

Marlborough Graphics, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1 (0171-629 6161); until Jan 27

☐ DO Michael Sandle and David Bomberg go together? Not obviously, perhaps, but when one sees side by side recent sculptures by Sandle and paintings and drawings by Bomberg from his First World War phase connected with the major Bomb Store project, a deeper kinship manifests itself. Sandle is also showing drawings and watercolours, the more recent much freer in treatment than before, and mostly inspired by his fascination with the memorialising and mythologising of war. The sculptures take up the same themes in more concrete form. There is a one-off tabletop sculpture of hand-wrought bronze (never again, says Sandle) which looks like a memorial slab across which fallen leaves have been blown, or from which the wind is stripping the surface in great flakes. The message of desolation and dereliction is unmistakable. Superficially, many of Bomberg's works edge over towards abstraction, as though all that interested him in the idea of the Bomb Store was its construction. But the mostly gloomy colouring of the pieces, their general atmosphere of grimness, show clearly enough that though a Vorticist and presumably an admirer of Marinetti, Bomberg never shared the Futurists' delight in war for its own sake.

Jason & Rhodes, 4 New Burlington Place, London W1 (0171-434 1768) until Jan 13

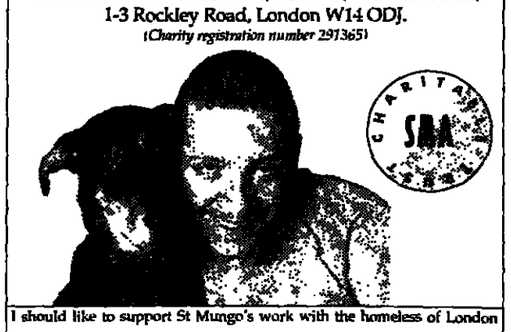
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THE TIMES ARTS



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***Trainspotting* offers a nasty view of life among the dope addicts of Edinburgh**



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Darlings, you were wonderful: Peter Sellars addresses 200 theatre directors in Cambridge

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET: A welcome return for this marvellously mad mix of *The Tempest* with *Great Balls of Fire* and other cosmic hits of the 1950s and 1960s.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avene, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. Also Dec 27, 2.30pm

CHRISTMAS MUSIC: Prunella Scales is the narrator for tonight's Family Classics programme from the **London Festival Orchestra**, sharing the South Bank festivities with seasonal music in true Austrian style in the Purcell Room. Conductor Richard Hickox and baritone Thomas Allen team up again tonight and tomorrow for carols with the **London Symphony Orchestra** at the Barbican, and **The Sixteen** choir continues the Magenta Christmas Festival at St John's.
Barbican, EC2 (0171-638 8891), 7.30pm. **South Bank**, SE1 (0171-960 4242), 7pm (QEH) and 7.30pm (Purcell). **St John's**, Smith Square, SW1 (0171-222 1061), 7.30pm.

RUPERT STREET LONELY HEARTS CLUB: Opening night for another Donmar transfer. English Touring Theatre's production of Jonathan Harvey's thoughtful and passionate play, set in an east London bedsit where most of the characters have love troubles.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-839 4488). Tonight, 7pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 7pm; mats Sat, 4pm and Sun, 3pm

ELSEWHERE

CARDIFF: **Moscow City Ballet** takes to the stage for a brief run of two great classics, *The Nutcracker* and *Sleeping Beauty*. Very traditional and suitably beautiful.
St David's Hall, The Hayes (01222 878444). *Nutcracker*: Tonight-Dec 30, 7.30pm; mats Dec 20, 23 and 26-30, 2.30pm. *Beauty*: Jan 2-5, 7.30pm; mat Jan 5, 2.30pm.

CHICHESTER: The joint's really jumpin' for the Festival Theatre's Christmas treat: Clarke Peter's irresistible tribute to Louis Jordan, **Five Guys Named Moe**. A swashbuckling adventure for children opens later in the week: **Kids of Sherwood** tells the tale of what happpens when modern children set out for a picnic, find the Wishing Oak, and are transported back to the days of Robin Hood.
Festival, Oaklands Park (01243 781 312). Tonight, 7.30pm. **Studio**, *Sherwood* opens Fri, 2pm. Ring box office for schedules.

GLASGOW: Communicado brings **Tall Tales for Cold Dark Nights** to the Tron. An acclaimed family show based on traditional tales passed down through generations of Scottish travelling folk; first performed at the International Children's Festival earlier this year, and now adapted for Christmas.
Tron, Trongate (0141-552 4267). Tonight-Sat and Dec 27-30, 7.30pm; mats Dec 21-23, 27, 29-30, 2pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Westminster Kings and the Medieval Palace of Westminster (0171-636 1555) ... **National Gallery**: The National Gallery in World War II (0171-747 2885) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: Richard and Maria Cosway (0171-306 0055) ... **Peter Nahum at Leicester Galleries**: Victorian Faces and Faery Fantasies (0171-930 6059) **Royal Academy**: Africa: Art of a Continent (0171-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: William Turnbull: sculpture and paintings (0171-723 9072) ... **Tate**: Dynasties: Paintings in Tudor and Jacobean England (0171-887 8000) **V&A**: Jain Art from India; Design Now: San Lorenzo Silversmiths Studio, Milan (0171-938 8500) ... **Whitechapel**: Emil Nolde (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ACCORDING TO HOYLE**: The tensions of today threaten a group of friends who have played poker together for 18 years. New play commissioned from William Gaminara. Robin Lefevre directs.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

◪ **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**: Revival of Ian Judge's *popular but over-sweet* production. Clive Francis plays Scrooge.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; most mats sold out. Until Jan 13.

■ **COMPANY**: Sheila Gish and Adrian Lester in the cast of 14 for Sondheim's bittersweet musical on love, relationships and staying single. Sam Mendes directs.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **THE GLASS MENAGERIE**: Sam Mendes' radiant production: Zoe Wanamaker and Claire Skinner play as mother and daughter; Ben Walden comes as Tom.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, plus Dec 28 and Jan 4, 3pm

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

□ **JOLSON**: The highs and lows of the singer with with a monster ego. Brian Conley belts out the songs; Sally Ann Triplett is an impressive Ruby Keeler.
Victoria Palace, Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1317). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **THE MASTER BUILDER**: Peter Hall's sexually understated production: Alan Bates the smoldering hero; fine performances by Gemma Jones and Victoria Hamilton.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **SOUTH PACIFIC**: Patti Boulaye plays Bloody Mary in Phil Willmott's production of the Rodgers & Hammerstein tropical evergreen.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (0171-637 8270). Tue-Sat, and Jan 7 and 14, 7.30pm

◪ **THE TOWER**: Alexandre Dumas' romantic melodrama, with Sinead Cusack as a scheming Queen Marguerite, and Adrian Dunbar as the agent of her downfall.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; Sat, 2.30.

□ **VOLPONE**: Michael Gambon subtle and fascinating in the title role, ably supported by Simon Russell Beale as his wily sidekick.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm; Wed, 2pm and 7.15pm.

◪ **THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS**: Jeremy Sinden plays the ebullient Toad in the now annual return of the National Theatre production. Still delightful.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 6655). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, daily in week of Dec 26, 2.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-867 1044) ... □ **Communicating Doors**: Gielgud (0171-494 5530) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Albery (0171-369 1730) ... ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) ... ◪ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-416 6003) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre. **Availability at time of going to press; check box office.**

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BABE** (U): Glorious, vivacious family film about a sheep-herding pig, with a cast of talking animals. Director, Chris Noonan.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** (0171-437 1234) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 098) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

LA BELLE ET LA BETE (PG): Revival of Cocteau's enchanting version of *Beauty and the Beast*, with Jean Marais and Josette Day.
Everyman (0171-435 1525) **NFT** (0171-928 3232) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

THE SHOOTER (18): US marshal (Dolph Lundgren) comes to Prague to prevent an assassination. Video fodder, directed by Ted Kotcheff.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

◆ **THE SWAN PRINCESS** (U): Wizard threatens wedding of Prince Derek and Princess Odette. Bland animated fairy tale. Director, Richard Rich.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THREE WISHES** (PG): Hobo spreads wisdom in the American suburbs. Dawdling romantic fantasy directed by Martha Coolidge, with Patrick Swayze and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE TIE THAT BINDS** (18): Nasty thriller about child adoption, with Keith Carradine and Daryl Hannah. Director, Wesley Strick.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

ANGELS AND INSECTS (18): Procreative games in Victorian England. Handsome but stiff drama, with Mark Rylance, Patsy Kensit and Kristin Scott Thomas. Director, Philip Haas.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030)

ELISA (15): Overwrought French tale of a tearaway kid who seeks out her father. With Vanessa Paradis, Gérard Depardieu. Director, Jean Becker.
MGMs: Panton Street (0171-930 0631) **Swiss Centre** (0171-439 4470)

◆ **GOLDENEYE** (12): Pierce Brosnan twinkles as the new James Bond. A rip-roaring thriller with a sense of humour, with Sean Bean. Director, Martin Campbell.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER (15): Actors struggle to mount *Hamlet*. Overmanic comedy from Kenneth Branagh, with Michael Maloney, Joan Collins.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

◆ **MURDER IN THE FIRST** (15): Flashy but absorbing Alcatraz drama, with Kevin Bacon, Christian Slater and Gary Oldman. Director, Marc Rocco.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

MY DARLING CLEMENTINE (U): John Ford's wonderful 1946 western about Wyatt Earp, with Henry Fonda, Linda Darnell and Victor Mature.
Renoir (0171-837 8402)

◆ **THE SANTA CLAUSE** (U): Divorced dad becomes the new Santa. Broad family comedy with a human face, featuring Tim Allen. Director, John Pasquin.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

The funny asides of death, dirt and degradation

THEATRE

Trainspotting
Ambassadors

Irvine Welsh's cult novel opened the door on an Edinburgh street life pukingly different from what most Festival visitors see as they hurry from one church hall to another in time to catch the newest, latest life-enhancing company from Nagaland or Togoland. Welsh's drug-blasted, drink-sodden youths may come from Leith or Muirhouse, but they are in Nogoland and seem fated never to leave it.

In Harry Gibson's stage version, first presented at the Glasgow Citizens last year, the dirty, violent lives of Mark and his mates have become a cult play; and when this London run ends in late January it will be setting off on a four-month national tour.

A lot of the play I didn't like at all. A fair amount of the talk I couldn't get my ears around, although the gist of what is said by Gavin Marshall's horrible, wife-beating Franco is plain enough. But, without question, Welsh has a gift for describing stomach-turning incidents in speeches that, sometimes, are neat or witty enough to start a nervous laugh.

If you want to learn what it feels like to trawl for opium suppositories accidentally expelled into a toilet blocked with other men's faeces, Paul Ireland's Mark will inform you. If you are foolish enough to be rude to a waitress suffering a heavy period, you may find she squeezes an unordered ingredient into your tomato soup.

The episodic book loosely connects the experiences of a group of friends who mostly manage not to work but nevertheless are not short of money. They get drunk, lose their girls, search for the scag merchant, share syringes, catch Aids. Gibson's adaptation preserves this wandering form but gives it a rhythm that alternates the loud and harsh with quieter, tentatively gentle episodes. The shreds of music that float across these scenes sound like human voices calling from far-off cages.

Mark is the principal narrator, but all the cast take on this role at times, and it is a device that presents them as more lucidly self-aware than their grubby way of life makes likely. But Welsh obviously knows his characters, in the pit of their wretchedness as in the darting comedy they can make of the catastrophes befalling their bodily fluids and solids.

The two previous productions of the play brought the actors within inches of the audience, and such in-yer-face realism is inevitably reduced when it is staged, this time by Gibson, for a tour of proscenium-arch theatres. Not much is lost, however. Paul Ireland's body still writhes in agony as he fights against his addiction: Michelle Gomez crumples as any number of abused women (and two splendid victors); Peter Ireland's frail, naked victim is hardly less pathetic than his predecessor in the role. For all its flashes of humour, the play takes a sombre view of Welsh's foul-mouthed no-hopers.

JEREMY KINGSTON

DONALD COOPER



Paul Ireland and Michelle Gomez in a scene from *Trainspotting*, a grimly humorous examination of Edinburgh's junkie underworld

Looking for a way to encourage the auteurs

Put 200 theatre directors together and what do you get? Notes for a new scene, says Andy Lavender

A paradoxical event took place this month at Cambridge University's Trinity Hall. Grandly titled *Towards the Millennium*, this was a forum for European theatre directors, presented by the Directors Guild of Great Britain. The opening speech was in fact given by an American, the maverick director Peter Sellars, who began by observing that he "wanted to see what it would be like to have so many directors in one room. Usually one is too many."

If this was a sardonic way of admiring the inaugural gathering of so many lone egos, the theme was captured just as neatly by one of the Latvian delegates. She recounted how she had lifted her head at lunch, looked across a room filled with nearly 200 directors eating fish together, and suddenly wanted to say: "Look at yourselves! This is like a scene from a Peter Greenaway film!"

Unfortunately the forum had a lot less colour than that, although it was not without moment. A hundred years ago the notion of a director was still in its infancy. Theatre historians will point you to 1866, when Duke Georg II of Saxe-Meiningen established a theatre company whose shows he directed himself, with magnificent results which Prince Edward might be interested to research. The same historians will then whisk you around the first independent theatres in Paris, Copenhagen and Berlin. But it is only when you come to Stanislavsky's Moscow Art Theatre, founded in 1897, that you will feel you are at the doorstep of 20th-century "director's theatre".

Nearly a century later, British directors are gathering a collective strength. The Directors Guild was established in 1982 and now has a membership of about 1,000, although two-thirds work mainly in television and film. According to David Litchfield, the guild's development director, theatre directors are determined to break away from their historical isolation. "Directors hardly ever get the chance to focus together on their craft, ideas and relationship to their public," he says.

Such a focus was not especially sharp in the forum. Inevitably, perhaps, the directors spent the weekend sharing anxieties about funding (going or gone) and expressing delight that they were all good eggs. Now that the pleasantries have been exchanged, a future event might develop a more dynamic tone.

Despite a certain blandness, however, key themes did emerge. One was the insistence that directors have a responsibility as analysts and interpreters of society. This is not a new idea, but it was reiterated by Peter Brook in the weekend's most regal contribution, made by means of a video link. "I am with you today and I am not with you," he began mysteriously. "This is the most perfect example of the director's responsibility, which is to find a link between what is desirable and what is practicable."

This "virtual" Brook was especially strong on the "desirable": "A certain dream, a certain vision of something extraordinary. Intuitively one knows that theatre is an opening where the psychological, social, political and scientific all come together."

The other major theme to arise was that theatre no longer means just plays, but all manner of live performance. This was reflected in the workshops — which ranged from sessions on Danish site-specific theatre, Dutch live art and what one might describe as a Polish rhythm method — as well as in the accounts of many directors present. Only Michael Bogdanov stated the uncomfortable truth that in Britain the director is still largely the servant of the text, while on the Continent he or she is more centrally creative — a fact our directors will have to face if they are serious about entering into real dialogue with their European colleagues.

The profession seems willing nonetheless to inspect this more exalted territory. If so, the last word should perhaps belong to Joan Littlewood, the former director of the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, who was presented with the Directors Guild Lifetime Achievement Award. Her advice was characteristic: forget art and have fun.

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Adrian Noble is making his film debut, directing *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. **Matt Wolf** reports

From Stratford to the screen



Helping hand: Noble has written an eight-year-old boy, played by Osheen Jones, into the script. The *Dream* film begins in his moonlit bedroom

Outside, the day is raw, grey, suggestive of an all too English winter. But inside a Bray Studios soundstage in Berkshire, neophyte film director Adrian Noble is midway through his cinema version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, where thoughts, inevitably, are turned to fairies, not to outdoor frost.

Sweeping a purple cloak behind him, Alex Jennings's Oberon is climbing into a bower — actually an upturned, pink umbrella — where lies sleeping his fairy queen, Lindsay Duncan's Titania. He sprinkles "love juice" in her eyes, while designer Anthony Ward's forest of lightbulbs shimmers against the sequinned backdrop. Duncan's back is playing up but she remains almost preternaturally serene throughout the scene, only to head directly for the osteopath once the shot has concluded.

Noble's concerns extend beyond the health of his leading lady, who returns to the production in fine shape after several days off to rest her back. Making his debut as a cinema director with a £2.5 million film adaptation of his own Royal Shakespeare Company production, Noble must prove that he can hold his own in a profession — Ingmar Bergman and Nicholas Hytner, among others, notwithstanding — not always amenable to directors switching from stage to screen.

In addition, his *Dream* will be up against numerous Shakespeare films due for release next year, including the Kenneth Branagh *Hamlet*; Ian McKellen's *Richard III*; Trevor Nunn's *Twelfth Night*; and the new *Othello*, already opened to mixed reviews, in America, directed by Oliver Parker and starring Branagh and Laurence Fishburne.

"Of course, it's a fantastic gamble," says Noble, 45, discussing a process that has defeated colleagues such as Peter Hall, who directed an indifferently received film of an earlier RSC *Dream* in 1968. The issue, he says, is less "can you transfer the theatre production" than "can you be that cinematically bold in terms of style"?

Says Noble: "I've tried to come at it from a slightly different way, which is exploring the human imagination in all its different forms. Cinema as opposed to TV is an absolutely fantastic medium for fantasy. It seemed to me that the script could bear another layer of dreaming beyond those already in the stage production."

Accordingly, Noble has written in an eight-year-old boy (played by cherubic-looking newcomer Osheen Jones), in whose moonlit bedroom the film begins with him leading up into Theseus's mirrored court — "an imaginary world", says Noble, "that is just a great big box in the theatre". The Mechanicals' Scout hut, the director adds, "is much more detailed. I've almost pushed it as far as *Dad's Army*." Keep an eye out for references to *ET* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

That the film is being made at all is due to producer Paul Arnott, a former journalist, who was at the production's first night in Stratford in August, 1994. "There was such a buzz even by the interval, I thought, this needs to be a film," says Arnott, who immediately wrote to Noble about his plan. The film's retention of most of the original cast — Duncan is the main newcomer — was a bonus, says Arnott. "With other Shakespeares, casting has been up to the last minute. Here, the actors don't need to go into a corner for three hours to say 'I can't find myself in the part'. Their task is to put their performance in a camera, rather than to the back of the stalls."

Still, how easy is that, especially when few of them have extensive film experience? Jennings says his performance will be quieter. "That's what you're meant to do, isn't it? You can't be naturalistic looking like this," continues the actor, who appears heavily made up, his head seeming to sprout feathers. "Or if you can, I don't know how to be." As for cinema versus the theatre: "With film, so much is out of your control, whereas on stage to a certain extent the buck stops with whether or not you remember your lines."

Duncan came to the film after just 15 performances of the production at the Barbican, and will lead this same company when it takes the stage version on a five-month American tour. "It's down to Adrian to be vigilant about using the medium to best advantage," says Duncan, aware of its vagaries: much of her performance in the forthcoming film *City Hall* ended up on the cutting-room floor. To arrive having played the role on stage was, she says, ideal. "I've never felt so relaxed. To approach something when you know the text is a luxury: the motor's already running." The irrepressible, and unusually moving, Bottom is Desmond Barrit, whose film credits include "being very butch and dragging Tom Selleck through the mud [in *Lassiter*], which is a nice thing to do with Tom Selleck". His last film was the Peter O'Toole vehicle *Rebecca's Daughters*, belatedly caught by Barrit "in a cinema in Richmond, with two little girls and an old man who snored in the front row".

And what of bringing Bottom and his fellow eager thespians to the screen? "This was easy, really, because they're grounded in reality. The only thing we've done is actually make it better, because of course we have close-ups." The ears have been remade, he reports, for Bottom's transformation into an ass: "It's essentially the same look, but more refined. Each hair is individually attached to my face: it takes forever."

Back on set, Noble is doing repeated takes of scene 13, while the cameraman Ian Wilson checks lenses, and the designer, Ward, who is a veteran from the stage production, confers on clothes with the costume supervisor Lucy Roberts. The umbrella doubling as Titania's bower copies the one from the Barbican minus the hydraulics: "It's much more pure and simple," says Ward.

As for Noble, the film first-timer is feeling at home. "I wasn't Steven Spielberg. I mean, I didn't spend my childhood watching every movie ever made. But like any collaborative effort, if you allow people their voice, you get support. If I say I don't know what the eyeline is, people will help.

"I've realised that film is complementary to the theatre; it's not like having to speak in Arabic."

Chain reaction at the fourth attempt

POP

Diana Ross/ Soul II Soul
Birmingham NEC

The Greatest Music Party in the World is an ambitious title, but the organisers did their best to justify that claim by lining up such diverse names as David Bowie, Rod Stewart, East 17, Eternal and Diana Ross to headline this five-day event. Ross, in her only UK appearance of the year, was to provide the grand finale.

Although most of the crowd looked as if they had come purely to see her, Soul II Soul did their best to win everyone over by opening and closing their short set with their biggest hits, *Keep On Movin'* and *Back To Life*. Then the compere announced that the event would be broadcast to a TV audience of 40 million and called for some participation. Only later did we realise how ominous that reference to the TV audience was.

Ross, looking stunning in an almost dangerously sheer, slinky black dress, ran on stage with a troupe of dancers, to the sound of *Take Me Higher*, the title track from her latest album. Within seconds, however, she had barked at the dancers to stop the song and start it again, warning them to "Do it right this time!" "I can't believe they rehearsed all day and then they did a poor opening," Ross told the crowd, after they had finally got through it. Unbelievably, she then suggested that they try the song one more time and off they went again.

Perhaps as some kind of recompense, she followed it with a straight run of hits: *Chain Reaction*, *Endless Love*, *Upside Down* and *I'm Still Waiting*.

The show included everything that you might expect — close crowd contact, five costume changes, the classic hits plus a handful of songs from the new album. When the crowd yelled for an encore, Ross wasted no time before choosing *Take Me Higher*. This time round, everyone was on their feet, clapping along and singing the chorus. By now it seemed like one of Ross's greatest hits — but then, it was the fourth time they had heard it in less than two hours. The TV audience will have absolutely no idea of what this crowd endured for their perfect four minutes' worth.

ANN SCANLON

Winter warmer

JAZZ

Warren Vache Jr
Pizza Express

After introducing himself by assuring his audience that he would spend the next three hours proving that "there is no better place to spend a cold winter's night than in a basement jazz club", New Jersey-born cornet player Warren Vache Jr swung straight into one of Cole Porter's cosiest songs: *You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To*.

It set the tone for the evening: there are few more welcoming, warmly joyous sounds than that of the cornet, whether it's crooning gently through a ballad or bouncing exuberantly through up-tempo changes.

Impeccably supported by a British team of Colin Purbrook (piano), Dave Green (bass) and Allan Ganley (drums), Vache skilfully alternated between gentleness and exuberance all night. Having produced a wonderfully lucid, articulate solo, full of carefully restrained fire and pep, for the Porter classic, he eased himself straight into the ultimate torch song, *Lover Man*. Drawing fully on the cornet's natural warmth, its burnished, mellow sweetness, Vache contrived to imbue this most emotive of ballads with a melancholy, ringing tenderness without once veering into sentimentality.

Then it was back to straightforward bustling energy: the Kern/Fields warhorse, *Pick Yourself Up*, played at a feverish tempo, and embellished with a throwaway vocal chorus.

All in all, this was a high-class performance packed with lightly borne, informal virtuosity, highly enjoyable and instantly accessible — the sort of gig, in short, in which the venue specialises.

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London Adventist Chorale
St John's



Conductor Ken Burton

All this week in St John's, Smith Square, some of Britain's finest choirs will be switching into seasonal mode for the Magenta Christmas Festival. For the most part the prevailing sound will be classic "Oxbridge college". Even the professional choirs taking part are largely staffed by ex-choral scholars.

But Saturday's opening concert took a refreshingly wider view of the modern British choral tradition. The London Adventist Chorale, 28 of the best singers from Seventh-Day Adventist Churches around the capital, has already won the 1995 Sainsbury's Choir of the Year competition. At St John's it demonstrated just how thrilling a superbly-trained gospel choir can sound.

True, some of its partsongs lift the concept of sentimentality to awesome new heights — the programme ranged from spirituals and Adventist hymns to syncopated versions of Christmas carols. This was not entertainment for people whose tastes in sacred music veer towards the austere.

But then, it was not really entertainment at all. Each song was an intense religious statement in microcosm. Performance and divine worship are, for these singers, one and the same.

That accounts for their fervour. Every number, even those with highly detailed eight-part harmonies, is sung from memory. Each bursts with a dynamic and rhythmic life, a bounce and a brio, quite beyond the experience of most church choirs.

But it does not quite account for the technical brilliance. For this the choir's director, Ken Burton, must take credit. Diction, blend and intonation were well-nigh faultless, and the virtuosity all the more remarkable for being thrown off so effortlessly. None of this craft, however, was made an end in itself. What matters to this choir is warmth: meaning: message.

And the soloists! I cannot imagine another amateur choir in Britain that fields such characterful solo voices. The sopranos threw off stratospheric soul coloraturas with beguiling ease; from the men came beautiful barbershop versions of spirituals.

Yet every performance, even of the most extrovert spiritual, had an overriding nobility and dignity. With some American gospel choirs you do wonder whether it is God who is being celebrated or the singers' own exuberance. That never happened here. Soloists received their acclaim with almost painful modesty. It was devout and moving.

The only curious thing was that an entirely black London choir should give a concert in the centre of London to an almost entirely white audience. Clearly, classical-music venues need to work even harder to counter the perception that they are places where only middle-class whites go.

RICHARD MORRISON

A mass of birthday salutations

Missa Solemnis
Albert Hall

Beethoven's 225th birthday on Sunday was marked by the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in a splendid performance of the *Missa Solemnis*. An event that was easy to overlook amid all the seasonal fare currently on offer at the Albert Hall, it nevertheless drew a good audience: many were doubtless eager to discover what an inspiring Beethovenian like Roger Norrington would bring to this masterpiece of the composer's late period.

Not unexpectedly, Norrington galvanised his singers and players. Much of the conductor's work in 19th-century music, from Beethoven to Wagner, has been with period orchestras, but Sunday's performance was given on conventional instruments and with a conventionally large chorus. This was period-conscious perhaps only in some brisk, but justified, tempos; above all, it was simply and naturally musical.

But the difficult *Missa Solemnis* does not play itself, and Norrington's special achievement was to balance its orchestral and vocal tone-colours in the rolling acoustics of the Albert Hall. He made the opening *Kyrie* taut and muscular, a contrast to the exploding *Gloria* that followed; the chorus showed real virtuosity in its articulation here and in the subsequent fugue, to which Norrington brought exhilarating bounce.

He and his players conjured up a feeling of awe in the orchestral Praeludium to the *Sanctus*, with Michael Davis contributing a violin solo of intimate expressivity. The "war and peace" struggles of the *Agnus Dei* were resolved gratefully, gracefully, and with a mixture of discipline and spontaneity.

The tenor Steve Davislim provided some of the evening's most pleasing singing. His tone is fresh and lyrical, but he is capable of projecting it with power. Amanda Halgrimson rode the top lines in good, firm voice, and Alistair Miles balanced her with his well-sculpted bass. Sarah Walker completed an excellent ensemble.

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Montelado primed for Kempton

By Richard Evans, Racing Journalist of the Year

THE curse of being considered a leading contender for the Champion Hurdle this season has proved to be as deadly as a vote of confidence by a football club chairman in his manager. Large Action, Danoli and Relkeel are on the sidelines already while punters holding ante-post slips for Alderbrook and Mysilv will be thankful just to get a run for their money.

It is ironic, therefore, that a horse who has run in just one National Hunt race since landing the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham way back in March 1993 is now set to become the latest contender to stake a claim to the hurdling crown.

Montelado, who has had more setbacks than most hypochondriacs could dream of, is pencilled in for the Bonusprint Christmas Hurdle at Kempton on December 27 — health permitting.

Pat Flynn's talented eight-year-old had been due to return to jumping action at Fairyhouse earlier this month, only to succumb to a cold. However, the omens appear good. "Montelado is fine now. I am very happy with him and looking forward to taking him to Kempton. It could be a hot race but we won't shy away from anything," Flynn said yesterday.

Montelado was successful twice on the Flat during the autumn, including the Irish Cesarewitch, but the Kempton race will be the first over hurdles since he finished ninth of 12 finishers behind Alderbrook in the Champion Hurdle last season.

Significantly, Richard Dunwoody has been booked to ride and, if the combination is successful, Montelado's already stingy price of 5-1 in the Champion Hurdle betting will be halved. "I've ben in touch with Richard and he will ride him at Kempton provided he has no other commitments," Flynn added.

While the Kempton crowd can look forward to seeing Dunwoody's skills on Montelado, it appears they will not see him aboard One Man in the King George VI Tripleprint Chase.

Gordon Richards, trainer of the big-race favourite, yesterday scotched speculation that Dunwoody would replace his stable jockey, Tony Dobbin. Dunwoody rode a brilliant race for Richards on Unguided Missile at Ascot on Saturday, and with Dobbin having returned to race riding only last Friday, after 24 days out of action due to injury, it was not surprising that riding plans were subject to rumour.

"Tony is fine and was riding at Edinburgh today. As long as he is 100 per cent, he will ride One Man. It's as simple as that," the Greystoke trainer insisted. "All I said was that as long as he was right, Tony would ride. The horse is certainly fine and I want the jockey to be right.

"I have always admired Richard and have always used him. He has ridden for me for years, but as long as Tony is 100 per cent, he will ride One Man. I have always admired Ron Barry and Jonjo O'Neill, but they won't be getting the ride either," he joked.

Another jockey who will be looking on at Christmas is Norman Williamson, on the sidelines since breaking his right femur in a fall at Sedgefield in October. However, Kim Bailey's retained rider is looking forward to his comeback and is pinning his hopes on a crucial X-ray early in the new year. "Everything is going well and I have been cycling in the gym. But only after the leg is X-rayed again will I have a comeback date."

Williamson plans to spend Christmas in his native Ireland where he has been working as a summariser for RTE. He will be at Leopardstown on December 28 when Master Oats, his winning Cheltenham Gold Cup ride, is due to run in the Ericsson Chase.

RICHARD EVANS

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Dobbin is to keep the ride on One Man in the King George VI Chase on Boxing Day

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Double Silk aim

DOUBLE SILK will be aimed at a third Foxhunter Chase at next year's Cheltenham Festival, although his trainer, Reg Wilkins, is considering novice chases for the 11-year-old.

Double Silk, a multiple hunter chase winner, remains qualified to join the novice ranks over regulation fences.

1.15 TRAFALGAR NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,846: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

1 4/41P TRICKSOME 22 (F,G,S) (Lady Vestey) Miss H Knight 8-12-0 ... G F Ryan (5) 71
2 0/F43P-2 COOLREE 12 (F) (B Weston) P Nicholls 7-11-3 ... A P McCoy 86
3 000-114 CELTIC SILVER 20 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 7-11-0 ... R Guest (88)
4 000/F0-P WILLIE MAKEIT 21 (Old Berks Three) R Phillips 5-10-5 ... J Railton –
5 02-64P4 LISALEEN WREN 5 (Mrs S Blakeley) J Norton 6-10-0 ... W Fry –

Long handicap: Lisaleen Wren 9-12.

BETTING: 6-4 Celtic Silver, 2-1 Coolree, 9-4 Tricksome, 20-1 Lisaleen Wren, 25-1 Willie Makeit.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

TRICKSOME beat Master Hunter distance in a 3-runner maiden chase at Plumpton (2m 5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. COOLREE ½l 2nd of 12 to Fenwick in a novices' handicap chase at Taunton (2m 3f, good). CELTIC SILVER completed double, beat River Red 15l in a 6-runner novices' handicap chase at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good) penultimate start. LISALEEN best effort this season when 13¾l 4th of 9 to Kalakate in a selling handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (3m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: CELTIC SILVER

1.45 MARSTON MOOR SELLING HURDLE (£2,140: 2m) (13 runners)

1 /P3/3PP- BARON TWO SHOES 458 (S) (R Harland) G Kelly 9-11-7 ... G Lee (3) –
2 53-15F3 LORD GLENVARA 21 (G) (P Gibbons) T McGovern 7-11-7 ... A P McCoy 88
3 0/3P-053 MASTER GLEN 19 (D,G) (R Cook) G Oldroyd 7-11-7 ... P Midgley (3) 92
4 441/0P3 VIAGGIO 13 (S) (K Martin) W Clay 7-11-7 ... Guy Lewis (3) 71
5 /0U00/ ARRANGE A GAME 1218 (A McArdle) N Littmoden 8-11-0 ... M Richards –
6 0054/00- DREAM START 458 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 5-11-0 ... R Guest –
7 300/53 MANILA BAY 58 (Dajam Ltd) J King 5-11-0 ... B Upton 71
8 U-0P RUSTIC CRAFT 33 (Miss L Shally) Miss L Shally 5-11-0 ... J McLaughlin –
9 /00/0P SHOOTING LODGE 5 (Mrs T McCoubrey) J Jenkins 7-11-0 ... J Osborne –
10 00P STARLIGHT FLYER 5 (T Waters) J Long 8-11-0 ... R Rowell –
11 0020-P TIMELY EXAMPLE 20 (D Craddock) B Cambidge 4-11-0 ... Gary Lyons 70
12 4-44D02 TONY'S MIST 4 (E Hayward) J Bradley 5-11-0 ... R Johnson (3) (88)
13 005 WORDY'S WIND 28 (L Wordingham) L Wordingham 6-10-9 ... R Farrant –

BETTING: 11-4 Lord Glenvara, 7-2 Tony's Mist, 4-1 Master Glen, 6-1 Viaggio, 7-1 Manila Bay, 10-1 Dream Start, 12-1 Shooting Lodge, 16-1 others.

1994: MAJOR'S LAW 5-11-2 P McLoughlin (7-2) Miss R Pitman 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

LORD GLENVARA 19l 3rd of 13 to Head For Heaven in a selling hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft). MASTER GLEN 20¾l 3rd of 17 to Edward Seymour in a selling handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). VIAGGIO 23l 3rd of 5 to Sheecky in a conditional jockeys' selling hurdle at Leicester (2m, good to soft). MANILA BAY 22¾l 5th of 14 to All Clear in a novices' selling hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good) on penultimate start. TIMELY EXAMPLE best effort last season when head 2nd of 17 to Birdaboon in a novices' selling hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, firm). TONY'S MIST 1l 2nd of 15 to Stac-Pollaidh in a novices' claiming hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: TONY'S MIST

2.15 HASTINGS NOVICES CHASE
(£3,054: 3m 110yd) (6 runners)

1 053-F51 AIRTRAK 19 (D,F) (Airtrak Express Parcels Ltd) N Henderson 6-11-6 M A Fitzgerald 81
2 3 DARLEYFORDBAY 20 (Racing Club KCB) K Bailey 6-11-0 ... J Osborne –
3 2PP/22-6 FACTOR TEN 18 (G) (Premier Crops Ltd) Miss H Knight 7-11-0 ... J F Titley (88)
4 3200-32 FIXTURESSECRETARY 13 (S) (K Manley) D Nicholson 6-11-0 ... A Maguire 95
5 0FU LONE VENTURE 5 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 8-11-0 ... L Donnelly (7) –
6 0- LUCKY LANDING 264 (Lady D Powell) R Phillips 6-11-0 ... J Railton –

BETTING: 7-4 Airtrak, 9-4 Fixturessecretary, 3-1 Factor Ten, 8-1 Darleyfordbay, 25-1 Lucky Landing, 33-1 Lone Venture.

1994: NAZZARO 5-10-8 P McLoughlin (10-1) W G M Turner 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

AIRTRAK beat War Flower 6l in 6-runner Leicester maiden chase (3m, good to firm). DARLEYFORDBAY distant 3rd of 5 to Braes Of Mar in Hereford novice chase (2m 3f, good to soft). FACTOR TEN 2½l 2nd of 11 to Carlingford Lakes in Windsor novice chase (2m 5f, good to soft) on penultimate start, November 1994. FIXTURESSECRETARY 3l 2nd of 7 to Challenger Du Luc in Leicester novice chase (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). LONE VENTURE behind when unseated rider 4 out in novice chase won by Fierce here (2m, good).
Selection: FACTOR TEN

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

2.45 NASEBY HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,302: 2m) (6 runners)

1 21-3221 DEAR DO 19 (D,G,S) (C Edwards) N Henderson 8-12-0 ... M A Fitzgerald 92
2 062251 DRIVING FORCE 12 (D,F,G,S) (B Reid) Mrs M McCourt 9-11-12 ... J F Titley 98
3 532124 HERBERT BUCHANAN 18 (F) (Five For Fun) P Nicholls 5-11-1 ... A P McCoy 97
4 232P33- CHEEKA 283 (D Thompson) C Smith 6-11-0 ... M Ranger (99)
5 3U21P-F RAINHAM 12 (D,S) (A Collins) D McCain 8-10-10 ... D McCain 94
6 0F50-4 KERRY JANE 113 (F Pagel) N Babbage 5-10-0 ... G Hogan (3) –

Long handicap: Kerry Jane 9-1.

BETTING: 2-1 Dear Do, 3-1 Driving Force, 7-2 Herbert Buchanan, 9-2 Cheeka, 5-1 Rainham, 20-1 Kerry Jane.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DEAR DO beat Pegmarine 3½l in a 7-runner handicap chase at Windsor (2m, good) with DRIVING FORCE (7lb better off) 11½l 5th. Last season, 1¾l 2nd of 5 to James The First in a novices' handicap chase over course and distance (soft) with CHEEKA (4lb better off) 2l 3rd. DRIVING FORCE beat Dr Rocket 2l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Fakenham (2m 110yd, good). RAINHAM (3lb better off) 3rd and beaten when left two out. HERBERT BUCHANAN, best effort this season, beat Sea Breaker 6l in 8-runner novices' handicap chase at Taunton (2m 3f, good to firm). RAINHAM best effort last season, beat Evening Rain 3l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Hereford (2m, heavy). KERRY JANE distant last of 4 to Fairy Park in a novices' handicap hurdle here (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: HERBERT BUCHANAN (nap)

3.15 AGINCOURT HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,469: 3m 110yd) (12 runners)

1 1315/4/ DESERT MIST 841 (D,F,G) (Miss L Shally) Miss L Shally 6-11-12 ... A Maguire –
2 001404- RIMOUSKI 201 (D,G) (J Stevenson) B Cambidge 7-11-10 ... Mr J Cambidge 90
3 1122-P6 FATHER O'BRIEN 10 (D,G,S) (Mrs G Jenkinson) J Edwards 8-11-8 A P McCoy 88
4 F51P-60 TEMPLE GARTH 26 (D,G,S) (Mrs Jos Wilson) P Beaumont 6-11-5 ... R Supple 93
5 20/00-P0 JIMBALOU 11 (F,G,S) (G Brazington) R Brazington 12-10-13 ... W Humphreys 93
6 533444 DAWN FLIGHT 29 (C,F) (Mrs C Davis) J Jenkins 6-10-11 ... J Osborne 85
7 F0P-113 YES MAN 34 (D,BF,F) (Azzmok Winton Wright) Miss H Knight 6-10-11 J F Titley 88
8 5130/1-5 QUIET DAWN 18 (F,G) (Mrs P King) J King 9-10-7 ... G Upton –
9 P-155P0 KHAZARI 17 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Burton) R Brotherton 7-10-5 ... L Harvey (99)
10 634P-36 PATROCLUS 53 (D,S) (Applied Signs Ltd) J Mackie 10-10-4 ... E Husband (3) 89
11 42-5442 EXEMPLAR 29 (F) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 ... R Guest 93
12 13-5360 BAYLORD PRINCE 21 (CD,F,G) (Miss J Ewer) Miss J Ewer 7-10-0 Sophie Mitchell (5) 85

Long handicap: Baylord Prince 9-10.

BETTING: 3-1 Yes Man, 4-1 Father O'Brien, 5-1 Quiet Dawn, 6-1 Dawn Flight, 7-1 Rimouski, 8-1 Exemplar, 10-1 Patroclus, 12-1 Baylord Prince, 14-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DESERT MIST beat Festival Fancy 3½l in an 8-runner amateur riders' handicap hurdle at Cartmel (3m 2f, good to firm). May 1993 RIMOUSKI 19l 4th of 9 to Groomsman in a handicap hurdle at Ascot (3m, good to firm). May 1995 FATHER O'BRIEN 14½l 6th of 14 to Great Easeby in a handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m 7f 110yd, good). DAWN FLIGHT 16½l 4th of 9 to Peltaugh in a handicap hurdle at Folkestone (3m 6f 110yd, good to firm) with BAYLORD PRINCE (1lb worse off) 17l 6th. YES MAN completed double, beat Romalito 1½l in a 4-runner novices' handicap hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, good to firm) penultimate start. QUIET DAWN 31l 5th of 15 to Spring Saint in a handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, good to soft). KHAZARI well behind Grunge in Towcester handicap (3m, good to soft) last time. PATROCLUS 9½l 3rd of 5 to Same Difference in a conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. EXEMPLAR 20l 2nd of 3 to Master of The Rock in a handicap hurdle at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: FATHER O'BRIEN

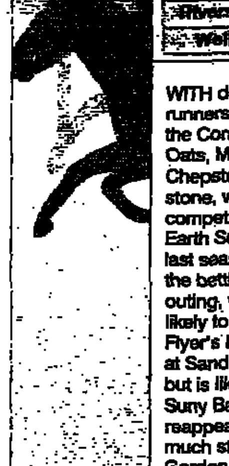
RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

CORAL WELSH NATIONAL
Chepstow, December 27

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral		Coral
Earth Summit	3-1	Chatam	20-1
Flyer's Nap	9-2	Dont Tell The Wife	20-1
Suny Bay	5-1	Lucky Lane	20-1
Superior Finish	13-2	Sibton Abbey	20-1
General Pershing	7-1	Redempt De Valmont	20-1
Tartan Tyrant	8-1	Antinero Minstrel	25-1
Minnehoma	12-1	Plastic Spaceage	25-1
Nuaffe	15-1	Mr Flanagan	25-1
Riverside Boy	16-1	Silver Stick	25-1
Wellbriefed	16-1	Gold Cap	33-1



WITH doubts about the participation of several of the runners, only the sponsor is betting at this stage on the Coral Welsh National. If, as seems likely, Master Oats, Minnehoma and Willsford all sidestep the Chepstow slog, the weights will rise by at least a stone, which would give the race a far more competitive shape.

Earth Summit, runner-up to Master Oats in this race last season when it was switched to Newbury, heads the betting but was most disappointing on his last outing, when a distant fifth in the Hennessy, and is likely to drift in the market.

Flyer's Nap found the evergreen Willsford too strong at Sandown earlier this month. He has sound claims but is likely to have to settle for a minor berth again.

Suny Bay picked up a 4lb penalty for his winning reappearance at Towcester last week, but faces a much stiffer task here and is ridiculously short at 5-1.

Gordon Richards has carried all before him this season, and has a live chance of another major prize with Tartan Tyrant. The winner of his last five completed chases, he has yet to run this season, but has been trained with this race in mind.

Lack of a recent run is not a worry, as he was impressive on his first outing last season when winning over an extended 3½ miles in testing ground at Haydock. His tendency to make the odd blunder is the concern, but he is only 5lb higher in the handicap than when easily beating subsequent Whitbread Gold Cup winner Cache Fleur last season. A repeat of that effort would be good enough, and at 8-1 **TARTAN TYRANT** represents excellent value.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Dealer North | East-West game | IMPs

North: ♠52 ♥AKQJ9 ♦QJ63 ♣Q10
West: ♠AQ873 ♥86 ♦K104 ♣632
East: ♠J1096 ♥107432 ♦7 ♣K54
South: ♠K4 ♥5 ♦A9852 ♣AJ987

W	N	E	S
Breed	Picus	Sokolow	Pollack
—	1 H	Pass	2 D
Pass	3 D	Pass	3 NT
All pass			

Contract: 3 NT by South **Lead: Seven of Spades**

When this hand occurred in the quarter-final match between between United States I and II in the Marlboro Venice Cup, both tables finished up in the inferior contract of Three No-trumps. Five Diamonds is better. Each declarer received the lead of a spade round to the king.

It is worth giving a moment's thought to what declarer's best line is now. Would you rather play a straightforward percentage line, or go for the psychological line?

I suppose a lot depends on the quality of your opponents. The unsuccessful declarer for United States II decided to postpone the decision of which minor to play on until the last minute. She cashed four rounds of hearts, on which West, Carol Simon, threw a (discouraging) ten of diamonds, and an encouraging two of clubs. (Many duplicate players use "reverse peters", in which high cards discourage and low ones encourage). South decided to believe her, and took the diamond finesse — two down.

Rosanne Pollack could see that, if the hearts did not behave, the simple diamond finesse would not be enough: she decided instead to play for the combination shot of laying down the diamond ace at trick two, then taking the top hearts. Finally, she took the club finesse and ended up with 11 tricks. It looks to me as though United States I earned their swing on the board.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Computer holds

The game today is the second of Garry Kasparov's match against the Fritz/Pentium played in London last week. Kasparov maintained a slight edge until the closing stages, when he overpressed, but not sufficiently to prevent him from achieving an easy draw. The final match result was 1½-½ in Kasparov's favour against a machine that can analyse 10,000,000 different positions per minute.

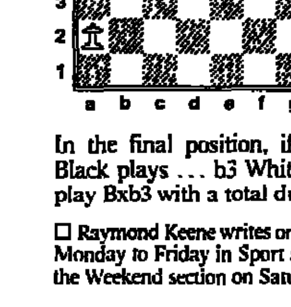
White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Fritz/Pentium
Intel challenge, 1995

Queen's gambit declined

1	d4	d5
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	c5
4	cxd5	exd5
5	g3	Nf6
6	Bg2	Nc6
7	0-0	Be7
8	Nc3	0-0
9	Bg5	cxd4
10	Nxd4	Qb6
11	Nb3	Be6
12	Bxf6	Bxf6
13	Nxd5	Bxd5
14	Qxd5	Rfd8
15	Qf5	Bxb2
16	Rab1	Ba3
17	e3	Rac8
18	h4	Qc7
19	Rfd1	h6
20	h5	Ne7
21	Qe4	b5
22	Nd4	a6
23	Qb7	Rd6
24	Rb3	Qxb7
25	Bxb7	Rc7
26	Be4	Bc5
27	Rbd3	Bb6
28	Nf5	Rxd3
29	Rxd3	Rc1+
30	Kg2	Nxf5
31	Bxf5	a5
32	Rd7	b4
33	Be4	Kf8
34	Bd5	Rc7
35	Rxc7	Bxc7
36	Bb3	Be5
37	f4	Bf6
38	Kf3	Bd8
39	e4	g6
40	hxg6	fxg6
41	g4	h5
42	gxh5	gxh5
43	e5	Bc7
44	Ba4	Kg7
45	Bc6	Kg6
46	Ke4	Bb6
47	f5+	Kg5
48	f6	Bc5
49	Kd5	Bf8
50	Be8	h4
51	Bd7	Kg6
52	Ke6	h3
53	Be8+	Kg5
54	Kf7	Bc5
55	e6	Bd4
56	e7	Bxf6
57	Bd7	Bxe7
58	Bxh3	a4
59	Be6	Bd8
60	Ke8	Kf6
61	Bg8	Be7
62	Kd7	Bf8

Draw agreed

Diagram of final position



In the final position, if ever Black plays ... b3 White can play Bxb3 with a total draw.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HOABINHIAN
a. Positivist philosophy
b. Oriental Stone Age
c. Electromagnetic

MORENA
a. Great chief
b. A black cherry
c. A mountain fissure

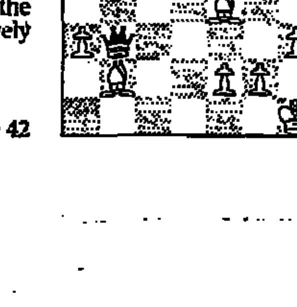
LUFTMENSCH
a. A pilot
b. A lightweight
c. A visionary

MOGGY
a. A visionary
b. Damp
c. A pussy

Answers on page 42

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



This position is from the game F Olafsson — Alexander, Hastings 1956.

How did White make the most of his aggressively placed bishop pair?

Solution on page 42

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Edinburgh

Going: good to firm

12.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Blaze Away (J Osborne, 1-4 fav); 2, Jubran (16-1); 3, Young Steven (100-1). 15 ran. 15l, 10l. I Balding. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £3.20, £22.10. DF: £5.70. Trio: £257.50 (part won. Pool of £79.80 carried forward to 3.00 Lingfield Park today). CSF: £6.81.

12.45 (3m ch) 1, His Way (J Osborne, 7-4 fav); 2, Pagliaccio (2-1); 3, Killimor Lad (3-1). 5 ran. 8l, dist. J Johnson. Tote: £2.90; £1.40, £1.50. DF: £3.10. CSF: £5.66.

1.15 (2m hdle) 1, Brackenthwaite (E Callaghan, 11-4 fav); 2, Funny Rose (9-2); 3, Percy Pit (16-1). 12 ran. ½l, 15l. L Lloyd-James. Tote: £3.00; £2.40, £1.20, £5.70. DF: £5.30. Trio: £171.60 (part won. Pool of £145.09 carried forward to 3.00 Lingfield Park today). CSF: £14.74. Tricast: £151.54. No bid.

1.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Shaarid (J Osborne, 6-4 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Puritan (9-2); 3, Rapid Mover (14-1). 6 ran. 3½l, 1l. I Balding. Tote: £2.50; £1.80, £4.10. DF: £8.50. CSF: £8.12.

2.15 (3m hdle) 1, Master Of The Rock (E Husband, 11-8 fav); 2, Shannon Glen (16-1); 3, Tallywagger (15-8). 5 ran. 6l, 6l. J Mackie. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £3.30. DF: £30.30. CSF: £16.57.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Grand Scenery (Miss P Jones, 6-1); 2, Merry Rose (5-1); 3, Doxford Hut (4-6 fav). 9 ran. 1¼l, 13l. J Johnson. Tote: £4.50; £1.60, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £18.30. Trio: £3.80. CSF: £33.98. Tote

3.15 (2m flat) 1, Lord Fortune (P Niven, 4-1); 2, Direct Route (15-8); 3, Adamatic (5-4 fav). 7 ran. 4l, 2½l. M Hammond. Tote: £4.10; £2.30, £1.80. DF: £5.00. CSF: £12.23.

Placepot: £6.40. Quadpot: £2.20.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

12.00 (1m 2f) 1, Total Rach (W Woods, 7-1); 2, Watch Me Go (8-1); 3, Bakers Daughter (16-1). Wahem 9-4 fav. 13 ran. 3½l, nk. R Ingram. Tote: £6.70; £2.30, £4.40, £13.30. DF: £80.40. Trio: £143.30 (part won. Pool of £20.19 carried forward to 3.00 Lingfield Park today). CSF: £65.48. Tricast: £822.36.

12.30 (5f) 1, Gi La High (A McGlone, 13-2); 2, Lady Eclat (5-2 fav); 3, Charterhouse Xpres (9-2). 9 ran. 1¼l, sh hd. J Berry. Tote: £5.60; £1.30, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £8.50. Trio: £7.30. CSF: £22.75.

1.00 (1m 4f) 1, Stalled (Marchioness Blandford, 9-2); 2, Mentul (5-2 fav); 3, Konyatta (20-1). 13 ran. Hd, 6l. P Walwyn. Tote: £7.00; £1.90, £1.30, £5.50. DF: £7.60. Trio: £31.90. CSF: £16.02.

1.30 (1m) 1, Red Rusty (J Tate, 4-1, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Sehhar (2-1 fav); 3, Well Drawn (9-4). 9 ran. 2l, sh hd. D Morris. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £6.00. Trio: £3.50. CSF: £12.70.

2.00 (6f) 1, Robo Magic (J F Egan, 9-2); 2, Southern Dominion (8-1); 3, Patsy Grimes (11-2). Half Tone 4-1 fav. 10 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l. L Montague Hall. Tote: £7.80; £2.60, £3.10, £2.80. DF: £23.60. Trio: £92.00. CSF: £38.86. Tricast: £188.56.

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, Wet Patch (R Hughes, 9-2); 2, Explosive Power (10-1); 3, Real Madrid (9-1). Rival Bid 4-1 fav. 13 ran. 1¼l, 3l. R Hannon. Tote: £7.10; £2.40, £4.20, £3.80. DF: £24.30. Trio: £38.40. CSF: £52.35. Tricast: £376.17.

3.00 (1m) 1, Apartments Abroad (J F Egan, 3-1); 2, Shenango (13-8 fav); 3, Note Of Caution (5-1). 9 ran. Hd, 2l. K McAuliffe. Tote: £4.40; £1.60, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £8.60. Trio: £4.10. CSF: £8.92.

3.30 (7f) 1, Duke Valentino (M Wigham, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Sand Star (10-1); 3, Present Situation (12-1). Anzio 5-1 jt-fav. 15 ran. NR: Abteal. ¾l, 1l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £7.40; £2.90, £5.60, £2.90. DF: £74.40. Trio: £452.50. CSF: £57.28. Tricast: £545.94.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £8,888.15 carried forward to Lingfield Park today).
Placepot: £175.00. Quadpot: £13.80.

Osborne has profitable trip

JAMIE OSBORNE bridged a near nine-year gap at Edinburgh yesterday and delighted Scottish racegoers when recording a treble on Blaze Away, His Way and Shaarid — his only rides on the seven-race programme.

The Lambourn-based jockey was paying only his second visit to the track, and the first since January 26, 1987 when, as an inexperienced 7lb claiming amateur, he partnered Old Meg to victory for trainer Chris Bell.

Osborne sandwiched victories on the Ian Balding-trained pair, Blaze Away and Shaarid, with a first winning ride for Howard Johnson's stable on His Way.

The Kingsclere raiders were the first jumpers Balding had sent to Musselburgh.

Blaze Away was sent off the 4-1 on favourite for the opening Barracks Entry Maiden Hurdle, and Paul Mellon's four-year-old never gave Osborne an anxious moment. Assuming command at half-way, Blaze Away jumped like an old hand as he coasted to a 15-length victory over Jubran.

Although Osborne had to work slightly harder for his success on Shaarid, the end result was the same, an emphatic 3½-length win over Puritan in the Table Handicap Chase.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

12.00 Samwar. 12.30 Miss Pickpocket. 1.00 Halbert. 1.30 Fresh Fruit Daily. 2.00 Renown. 2.30 Miss Carottene. 3.00 Iron N Gold.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 12.00 Errant. 2.00 Kaafih Homm. 3.00 **BROUGHTONS FORMULA** (nap).

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.00 THIN RED LINE MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: £3,185: 7f) (10 runners)

101 (10) 5040 ANOTHERONE TO NOTE 39 (B) N Littmoden 4-9-0 ... T G McLaughlin 77
102 (9) 66-0 DOUBLE JEOPARDY 15J J White 4-9-0 ... J Williams 88
103 (8) 004 ERRANT 35 D Cosgrove 3-8-13 ... J Quinn 86
104 (7) 044 NORTHERN GREY 29 J Berry 3-8-13 ... P Fessey (5) 85
105 (6) 0042 RAFFLES ROOSTER 42 A Newcombe 3-8-13 ... J Tate –
106 (5) -446 SAMWAR 213 Miss G Kelleway 3-8-13 ... R Hughes (89)
107 (4) TRAPPER NORMAN R Ingram 3-8-13 ... W Newnes –
108 (3) 4240 CONSIDERABLE CHARM 65 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-8 ... S Sanders 80
109 (2) 000 CROWNING TINO 71 Mrs N Macauley 3-8-8 ... Amanda Sanders (7) –
110 (1) LA SORRELA N Callaghan 3-8-8 ... J Egan –

11-4 Samwar, 7-2 Errant, 9-2 Raffles Rooster, 6-1 Northern Grey, Considerable Charm, 12-1 Trapper Norman, 14-1 others.

12.30 LIGHT BRIGADE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,638: 5f) (5)

201 (5) BLUE DUCK T Barron 9-0 ... W Newnes –
202 (4) 0050 BOUTON D'OR 17 P Howling 8-9 ... J Quinn 84
203 (3) 0044 IMPINGTON 17 W Musson 8-9 ... S D Williams 98
204 (2) 404 LAVENDER BLOOM 5 M Cunningham (Ire) 8-9 ... J F Egan 80
205 (1) 3563 MISS PICKPOCKET 39 P Kelleway 8-9 ... M Wigham (88)

6-4 Lavender Bloom, 2-1 Impington, 9-4 Miss Pickpocket, 14-1 Blue Duck, 20-1 Bouton D'Or.

1.00 INKERMAN HANDICAP
(£2,776: 5f) (10)

301 (10) 1005 SUPER ROCKY 66 (D,F,G) R Bastiman 6-10-0 ... H Bastiman (5) (99)
302 (9) 0300 FLASHING SABRE 66 (D,F) J Berry 3-9-13 ... P Roberts (7) 80
303 (8) 0600 RISKIE THINGS 127 (CD,F,G) J Moore 4-9-12 ... J F Egan –
304 (7) 0000 THICK AS THIEVES 18 (D,F,G) R Thompson 3-9-9 ... G Bardwell 89
305 (6) 0000 DISTANT DYNASTY 128 (CD,G,S) B Pearce 5-9-8 ... S Sanders 80
306 (5) /00- MY BONUS 458 (D,F,G) D Cosgrove 5-9-8 ... M Wigham –
307 (4) 0650 DAANIERA 19 (V,CD,G,S) P Howling 5-9-3 ... Debbie Biggs (7) 89
308 (3) 1611 CHEEKY CHAPPY 13 (B,CD,F,G) D Chapman 4-9-3 ... P Fessey (5) 97
309 (2) 0440 MISTER RAIDER 17 (B) S Mellor 3-9-1 ... D Wright (3) 89
310 (1) 2006 HALBERT 19 (V,D,F) P Burgoyne 6-9-1 ... D Sweeney (7) 98

2-1 Cheeky Chappy, 7-2 Super Rocky, 6-1 Distant Dynasty, 8-1 Flashing Sabre, 12-1 Thick As Thieves, Halbert, Daaniera, 14-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 3.00 Forest Star. Southwell: 1.45 Rustic Craft

1.30 THIN RED LINE MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: £3,185: 7f) (10)

401 (10) GOLDEN PUNCH 14J C Cyzer 4-9-0 ... D Biggs –
402 (9) PUSHKA FAIR T Watson 4-9-0 ... R Cochrane –
403 (8) RED CHANNEL 19J T Casey 5-9-0 ... N Adams –
404 (7) 0030 DESERT WATER 4 (B) J Bridger 3-8-13 ... J Quinn 70
405 (6) 2600 SPUMANTE 54 M Muggeridge 3-8-13 ... R Hughes 85
406 (5) U0 WARM HEARTED 35 R Ingram 3-8-13 ... N Gwilliams 71
407 (4) 553 AWASHA 20 Miss G Kelleway 3-8-8 ... S Sanders 81
408 (3) BUBBLE WINGS S Woods 3-8-8 ... W Woods –
409 (2) 2240 FRESH FRUIT DAILY 70 P Kelleway 3-8-8 ... M Wigham (88)
410 (1) 5000 ZALAMENT 10 N Littmoden 3-8-8 ... T G McLaughlin 82

7-2 Fresh Fruit Daily, 4-1 Awasha, 5-1 Spumante, Bubble Wings, 6-1 Red Channel, 7-1 Golden Punch, 10-1 Desert Water, 12-1 others.

2.00 CRIMEA HANDICAP (£3,167: 1m 2f) (7)

501 (7) 1152 KAAFIH HOMM 20 (CD,F,G) N Callaghan 4-10-0 R Cochrane 95
502 (6) 2122 NO SPEECHES 19 (CD,BF,G) S Dow 4-9-6 ... J Williams 97
503 (5) 4125 RENOWN 35 (C,G) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-6 ... S Sanders 90
504 (4) 3424 HARD LOVE 10 (D,BF,G) J Eyre 3-9-1 ... R Lappin 93
505 (3) 6133 BURNT SIENNA 38J (F) J Moore 3-8-3 ... J F Egan (99)
506 (2) 2413 PIP'S DREAM 160 (D,F) M Ryan 4-7-9 ... G Bardwell 93
507 (1) 0002 SWYNFORD FLYER 24 (F,G) J A Harris 6-7-7 C Adamson (5) 98

3-1 Pip's Dream, 4-1 Kaafih Homm, 9-2 No Speeches, 5-1 Renown, 6-1 Burnt Sienna, Swynford Flyer, 8-1 Hard Love.

2.30 ALMA NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,420: 6f) (8)

601 (8) 4661 KRYSTAL MAX 18 (F,G) T Barron 9-7 Kimberley Hart (7) 88
602 (7) 0001 TIME CLASH 13 (CD,F,G) B Palling 8-7 ... S D Williams (88)
603 (6) 4352 MARINO STREET 7 (BF) P Evans 8-7 ... S Sanders 86
604 (5) 4013 DANCING JACK 13 (C,G) J Bridger 7-10 ... J Quinn 91
605 (4) 0461 MONKEY ZANTY 7 (D,G) J L Harris 7-9 (7ex) D Wright (3) 88
606 (3) 3000 MISS CAROTTENE 57 (V) M Ryan 7-7 ... G Bardwell 92
607 (2) 060 SOVEREIGN PRINCE 17 N Callaghan 7-7 ... P Fessey (5) 87
608 (1) 2108 NO SYMPATHY 24 (F) G L Moore 7-7 ... C Adamson (5) 96

9-4 Time Clash, 3-1 Monkey Zanty, 7-2 Krystal Max, 5-1 Dancing Jack, 6-1 others.

3.00 SEVASTOPOL APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,472: 1m 5f) (12)

1 (12) -200 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 238 (CD,F,G) S Dow 5-10-0 ... P Brodwood (7) 89
2 (11) 0041 BROUGHTONS FORMULA 5 (B,CD,G) W Musson 5-9-3 (5ex) ... J Wilkinson (5) 97
3 (10) 5325 JUST-MANA-MOU 5 (B) J Bridger 3-9-0 ... T Field (7) 97
4 (9) 6001 ROSE OF GLENN 18 (C,F,G) B Palling 4-8-11 R Havlin (3) 93
5 (8) 10/ FOREST STAR 858 (B,F) R Akehurst 6-8-10 ... T Ashley (5) –
6 (7) 4052 OUTSTAYED WELCOME 13 (F) M Haynes 3-8-8 ... L Newton (99)
7 (6) 2204 CALL ME ALBI 4 (V,F) G L Moore 4-8-6 ... A Lakeman (5) 96
8 (5) 0032 SKEDADDLE 18 R Thompson 3-8-6 ... P Fessey 90
9 (4) -010 MISSED THE BOAT 58J (D,F) A Newcombe 5-8-3 ... S Milligan (5) 93
10 (3) 4040 IRON N GOLD 21J (G) A Moore 3-7-13 ... D Denby (5) 93
11 (2) 2230 MARONETTA 33 M Ryan 3-7-7 ... M Baird 95
12 (1) 2060 HUNZA STORY 7 (F) N Littmoden 3-7-7 ... C Adamson (3) 96

3-1 Broughtons Formula, 7-2 Outstayed Welcome, 5-1 Rose Of Glenn, 6-1 Forest Star, 7-1 Call Me Albi, 8-1 Missed The Boat, 10-1 Skedaddle, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Berry, 21 winners from 94 runners, 22.3%; Lord Huntingdon, 34 from 160, 21.3%; T Barron, 8 from 40, 20.0%; J L Harris, 8 from 45, 17.8%; M Muggeridge, 7 from 40, 17.5%.

JOCKEYS: P Fessey, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; J Wilkinson, 4 from 14, 28.6%; T Ashley, 3 from 12, 25.0%; Amanda Sanders, 6 from 37, 16.2%; R Lappin, 3 from 20, 15.0%; T McLaughlin, 6 from 46, 13.0%.

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Times writers give their Christmas selections of the best in sporting literature in 1995

Revealing view from front row

THERE were several Englishmen, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman and an Australian, and all of them wanted to write a book. On second thoughts, a publisher somewhere wanted a book with their name on it. Thus the market has been swamped with rugby union offerings on the back of the sport's most successful World Cup so far.

In the case of the English, Brian Moore, Jeremy Guscott and Dean Richards all explore to some degree the territory already covered by the likes of Will Carling, Rob Andrew, Rory Underwood, Jeff Probyn, Wade Dooley and Stuart Barnes. How much soul-searching can the years of the rose stand?

Happily, Moore, in conjunction with Stephen Jones, has come up with a work which typifies the man. You do not have to like Moore to appeciate his autobiography, indeed many would argue that the "Pit Bull" is the last person they would invite to express a view on rugby union, the law or anything else. That is a shame because Moore, now retired from international rugby, tells it the way he sees it without any pretence. His book goes a long way towards explaining why he holds the views he does and why he became England's shop steward.

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You suspect that Jones approached his subject with a degree of diffidence and then found himself surprised and delighted at the honesty with which his probing was greeted. The secret of the successful ghosted autobiography is the degree to which the subject will reveal himself, and Moore holds little back: "I have no explanation why I should still be, well, angry," he writes. "It is just the way I am, and I still haven't found the right psychoanalyst to explain it."

How so much energy will be channelled in the future, whether Moore will have a part to play in the administration of the professional era which he helped to bring about, is an intriguing thought. Far better to put down Moore's book thinking of the future than to put down another tome and ponder why yet another player should have been lured into print.

Of the other nations, Nick Popplewell offers a breezy look at his years in Ireland's front row, Gary Armstrong a somewhat jaundiced glance through recent Scottish history. An offering from Wales, however, has been rare in recent years so Ieuan Evans's sometimes pained look back at the decline of the Welsh dragon has a validity of its own.

As captain of Wales, his personality brought dignity to a nation desperately in need of such a quality. When an horrific injury in 1994 threatened to terminate his career, the letters of sympathy poured in from all over the world. When he was stripped of the captaincy this year, his first thought was retirement. Then, the steely inner core of determination, which had carried him through so many earlier injury crises, told him to stay on and prove himself yet again.

Australia's contribution should have been a notable one, the subject being the world's greatest points accumulator, Michael Lynagh, and the author being his one-time captain, Andrew Slack. But somehow the book misses the target. One suspects a heavy editorial hand stopped Slack being as analytical as he might have been.

☐ *Brian Moore*, with Stephen Jones (Partridge Press, £16.99).

☐ *Poppy, Time to Ruck and Roll*, Nick Popplewell with Liam Hayes (Hero Books, £9.99).

☐ *Jethart's Here*, Gary Armstrong and Derek Douglas (Mainstream Publishing, £14.99).

☐ *Bread of Heaven*, Ieuan Evans and Peter Jackson (Mainstream Publishing, £14.99).

☐ *Noddy, the Authorised Biography of Michael Lynagh*, by Andrew Slack (William Heinemann Australia, £16.99).

DAVID HANDS



IAN STEWART

Arnold Palmer's emotional farewell at the Open Championship at St Andrews this year is just one episode in the illustrious history of the course that has inspired many books

Loving tribute to Hogan leads the field

NEVER, surely, have so many golf books been published in one year. The famine of 1994 was followed by a feast. Piled one on top of another, which for some is the best place for them, they are half the length of Sam Torrance's putter.

The quality of John Feinstein's *A Good Walk Spoiled* (Little, Brown, £17.99) was noted when it won the William Hill Sports Book of the Year. Lauren St John's *Out of Bounds* (Partridge Press, £16.99) did for the European tour what Feinstein's did for the US tour. St John's, though, has the added advantage of not presenting a garden in which everything is wonderful.

Scarcely a week passed these past 11 months without a new book or a new edition appearing. The J. R. Hartley of fishing fame, created for a Yellow Pages advertisement, was widened to encompass a slight book (Hodder and Stoughton, £9.99) in which the old boy turns to golf. Some good lines, some good jokes and the author knows his Muirfield from his Mill Ride. I wonder who wrote it?

No doubt who wrote *The Art of Coarse Golf* (Robson Books, £6.99). In a sport that can take itself too seriously, Michael Green remains hopeless at the game and funny about it. "Since this modest volume was first published, some of the Rules of Golf have changed," he writes in an introduction to the latest edition. "I haven't altered the text, however, as a) I never did know the blasted rules anyway, and b) they keep on changing them."

John Behrend's book about the history of the Amateur Championship, *The Amateur*, (Grant Books, Droitwich, £35) is a welcome work

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of scholarship, as is *The Dawn of Professional Golf* (Hobbs and McEwan, £25) by Peter Lewis, director of the British Golf Museum. And for thoroughness, the labours of Bob Sommers, an American Anglophile, in *Golf Anecdotes* (Oxford University Press, £16.99) takes some beating.

Since John Daly stunned us all in the Open at St Andrews, the Scottish city has been in our minds more than usual. Four excellent books made sure it remains that way. *The Spirit of St Andrews* (Sleeping Bear Press, Chelsea, Michigan) is the testament of Dr Alister MacKenzie, one of the greatest of all golf course architects. *Golf at St Andrews* by Keith Mackie (Aurum Press, £25) is as its title suggests.

In *The Dream Ryder Cup* (Blandford Press, £17.99) Derek Lawrenson fantasises for 184 pages about a match between the ultimate United States and European teams at St Andrews.

Of the offerings to do with St Andrews, I most enjoyed *St Andrews & Golf* (Market Street Press, 325 West Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio) because it contains scarcely a single photograph. The original and thoughtful text, written by Ben Crenshaw, Herbert Warren Wind, Michael Bonallack, Nick Faldo, Lady Heathcote-Amory, Peter Thomson and Joe Carr, among others, is illuminated, instead, by excellent drawings by Arthur Weaver.

The year's best golf book is the magnificent *The Hogan Mystique* (The American Golfer Inc, 135 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut). Around some of the best golf photographs of Ben Hogan, four Americans have written loving essays.

Also received:

☐ *Harvey Penick's Little Blue Golf Book* (Harper Collins, £9.99).

☐ *The Lazy Golfer's Companion*, by Peter Alliss (Collins Willow, £12.99).

☐ *Golf in a Nutshell*, by John Jacobs and Peter Dobereiner (Hodder and Stoughton, £9.99).

☐ *The Ultimate Encyclopedia of Golf*, by Ted Barrett and Michael Hobbs (Hodder and Stoughton, £18.99).

☐ *Mind Swings*, by Richard Masters and John Burns (Aurum Press, £9.99).

☐ *The Architectural Side of Golf*, by H N Wethered and T Simpson (Grant Books, Droitwich, £45).

JOHN HOPKINS

How to realise Utopian dream

LONG life and happiness through health and sex into your seventies — a physical utopia. Which super-drug can provide it? Swimming, according to Phillip Whitten, an anthropologist and gerontologist, who takes the plunge every day and has achieved a level of fitness in middle age that most teenagers would envy.

The title of Dr Whitten's work is more general than the topic actually tackled, but that is the biggest criticism of a splendid celebration of a sport. *The Complete Book of Swimming* is not about Olympic champions, the endless ploughing of pools, length after length of pain, a gold medal the only incentive. Rather, it is concerned with

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swimming as a panacea for life's wear and tear.

It is the most popular recreational exercise in the fitness-focused United States. Why? Because swimming is the best form of exercise, for cardiovascular fitness, overall muscle tone and kindness to joints, with solid scientific and instructive anecdotal evidence.

Dr Whitten introduces the reader to masters swimmers (over-25s) who are not only taking the plunge in their eighties, but still "racing" at a ripe old age, albeit for fun. Useful thumbnail sketches provide basic instruction in the four separate strokes — butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle (crawl).

The section likely to appeal most widely is perhaps that headed: "Swimming and Sexuality: how to enhance your love life." A pioneering study has proven, according to Dr Whitten, that swimming "profoundly improves your love life". Enjoy the read.

☐ *The Complete Book of Swimming*, by Phillip Whitten (Random House, £14.99).

CRAIG LORD

Classic portraits of two opinionated winners

RACEHORSES and books about the Turf have one important similarity. Out of every eight that come before the public, there is, on average, only one winner. The rest are moderate — or worse.

In 1995 there has been the usual plethora of publications, a fair share of which are fated to gather dust on a top shelf, where they belong. However, it is fitting that, after a summer which saw Lammtarra and Frankie Dettori tower above their rivals, two books have been written which are classics in their own right.

If you enjoy reading about racing or are looking for a last-minute Christmas present for a racing fan, then go out and buy *The Duke* or *Bull*. Preferably, treat yourself or a friend to both.

The Duke is an autobiography of David Nicholson, the champion National Hunt trainer, who gained his nickname long ago because of his somewhat lordly behaviour. Even he would admit, there are times when he can be a prickly so-and-so.

"I like things done properly. If I think something is wrong, even if it is nothing to do with me, I have a habit of pointing it out. Winning is not everything to me, but trying to win is. That is the way I have always been, though sometimes in the evenings, over a glass of brandy, I do laugh at how seriously I take it all," he says in the concluding paragraph.

Unlike so many autobiographies, this is not a dull monologue littered with sickly

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platitudes. Instead, it is a warts-and-all look that reveals his failings as well as his many successes, the faults in his character as well as the good side of his nature.

After a year working on the book with Nicholson and his wife, Dinah, Jonathan Powell has not only unearthed some fascinating anecdotes and hilarious moments, but has captured the essence of the man whose name is synonymous with jump racing. All that is missing is the pointed finger which, on various occasions, has been prodded by Nicholson into the chest of some unsuspecting journalist or jockey.

Phil Bull, who probably did more than any other person to influence racing and the way people bet, was another man who did not suffer fools gladly. The founder of *Timeform*, the Halifax-based racing analysts who now enjoy a worldwide reputation, was one of the most successful backers of racehorses since the last war, winning the modern-day equivalent of £4.5 million.

However, Bull was much more than just a professional punter. He was a racehorse breeder and owner, a radical political thinker and philosopher, and a constructive reformer who campaigned, often successfully, for much needed change within racing.

Howard Wright was granted access to a wealth of private correspondence in compiling this much-needed and fascinating biography. Bull could be cantankerous, abrasive and contradictory, and his personal and sexual life was colourful, to put it mildly. But, above all, he was a genius and Wright has done him proud in an enthralling book which is a must for any racing fan.

☐ *The Duke, the Autobiography of Champion Trainer David Nicholson* (with Jonathan Powell) (Hodder and Stoughton, £18.99).

☐ *Bull: The Biography*, by Howard Wright (Portway Press Limited, £18.95).

RICHARD EVANS

Intense growing pains of Graf

HER breasts were once too large "for playing tennis", according to her father. Her nose should have been cosmetically reconstructed, according to American marketeers. On court, she gave the impression that she was "budgeting the housekeeping money", according to Ted Tinling.

The subject is Steffi Graf and the portrait is far from flattering. The biography carries the subtitle "*Public Power, Private Pain*" and asserts that her father, a former second-hand car dealer, has been responsible both for developing the former and inflicting the latter.

Sue Ready's book contains one epilogue — proclaiming that Graf has rejected the prospect of undergoing corrective surgery on her back after being told by doctors that she would have to be "opened up from the front" — and needs another. Publication preceded the latest family upheaval.

Peter Graf imposed a heavy influence on his precociously talented daughter but initially at her own insistence. She was single-minded about her work, in a sport which then offered a comfortable living rather than a fortune, even before she had reached her teenage years.

"What am I to do — smile or play tennis?" she retorted when a practice partner advised her to relax during a warm-up. She went on to become the youngest

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girl ever to turn professional and her subsequent success has been well documented, in this book as well as elsewhere.

First impressions were not always favourable. Tracy Austin, a gifted rival who was to succumb to injury and fatigue, reckoned that there were "hundreds like her back in the States". No one, though, possessed the same blinkered dedication. Graf, herself, admits to being "addicted" to tennis.

She has threatened to leave it on several occasions, first when she was only 15, but has so far become independent only from her father, now incarcerated in Germany for alleged tax evasion. The author can give no clear indication as to what may fill the void once Graf retires from the game.

Marriage, perhaps? She left her first boyfriend, Alexander Mronz, not long after he had described women competitors as "untrained little dumplings who play ping-pong". For the past three years she has been accompanied by Michael Bartels, a racing driver introduced to her by her brother.

Intriguingly, the author mentions that Graf "developed a crush on a young English journalist". The youth in question, who shall remain nameless for his own sake, was aware of the enduring interest but, during the past few months, has asked another to be his wife.

Graf also features in the *Official Wimbledon Annual* and one of the many lavish illustrations captures a rare occurrence. She is pictured in earnest discussion with an umpire during the fortnight which she was to finish, as usual, as a champion.



Graf: single-minded but under the influence of her father

☐ *Steffi, A Biography — Public Power, Private Pain*, by Sue Ready (Virgin, £12.99).

☐ *The Official Wimbledon Annual 1995* (Hazleton, £18.99).

STUART JONES

Sure way to figure out the best of the best

STATISTICS are part of the lifeblood of sport. Records, scores, timings, distances, weights and measurements play both a critical role in the staging of many activities and affect our appreciation of the worth of performance.

Just as the number of sports events has proliferated over the years, so have the number of statistical books. Facts and figures are better researched than they have ever been. Histories of sports, of clubs and of competitions abound. Simple details, such as dates of birth of footballers, unobtainable 30 years ago because clubs refused to give them, are now readily available and extensively published.

Wisden has remained the standard by which other annuals are judged, even if statisticians this year claimed that it contains inaccuracies in its older editions. The *Rothmans* annuals have become established works over the past 25 years and it is to be hoped that the same will apply to the *BBC Radio 5 Live Sports Yearbook*.

Edited with diligence and enterprise by Peter Nichols, it succeeds not just in being a compilation of the results of the main events of 1995 but also by including some idiosyncratic commentaries on them.

With a flick through the 442 pages, a kaleidoscope of memo-

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ries from the year returns. In addition, the book lists useful details such as addresses of the national governing bodies and the schedule for the coming Olympic Games.

Peter Matthews has been the most meticulous of television commentators, a man steeped in the history of sport. Although his original interest was athletics, his work as editor of *The New Guinness Book of Records* has ensured he has ranged far and wide in his quest for knowledge.

Two books, published this year, *The Encyclopaedia of International Sports Records and Results* and *All-Time Greats of British and Irish Sport*, are the latest consequence of his research and provide the detail to heighten our appreciation.

☐ *BBC Radio 5 Live Sports Yearbook*, edited by Peter Nichols (Oddball Publishing, £12.99).

☐ *All-Time Greats of British and Irish Sport*, edited by Peter Matthews and Ian Buchanan (Guinness, £12.99).

☐ *The Encyclopaedia of International Sports Records and Results*, edited by Peter Matthews (Guinness, £15.95).

JOHN GOODBODY

Focus on heroes of pedal power

AT LAST, a British publisher has plugged a yawning gap in the home market and produced a comprehensive cycling year book. Until now only overseas publications — such as the excellent Velo annual — were able to slake the thirst of the sport's information seekers.

Cycling Weekly Yearbook, compiled by Martin Ayres, is to be welcomed not only for its wealth of coverage of the domestic 1995 season and a forward look to 1996 but also for the way in which leading international events are chronicled.

And there is more: a who's who in Britain and a separate section of profiles of the champions who made headlines throughout the world plus a

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top ten selection of state-of-the-art equipment.

Indurain, Jalabert, Rominger, Pantani und Obree feature among the 90 or so photographs which complement the editorial. The book looks set to edge its way in alongside the established *Wisden* and *Rothmans* annuals, which serve cricket and football.

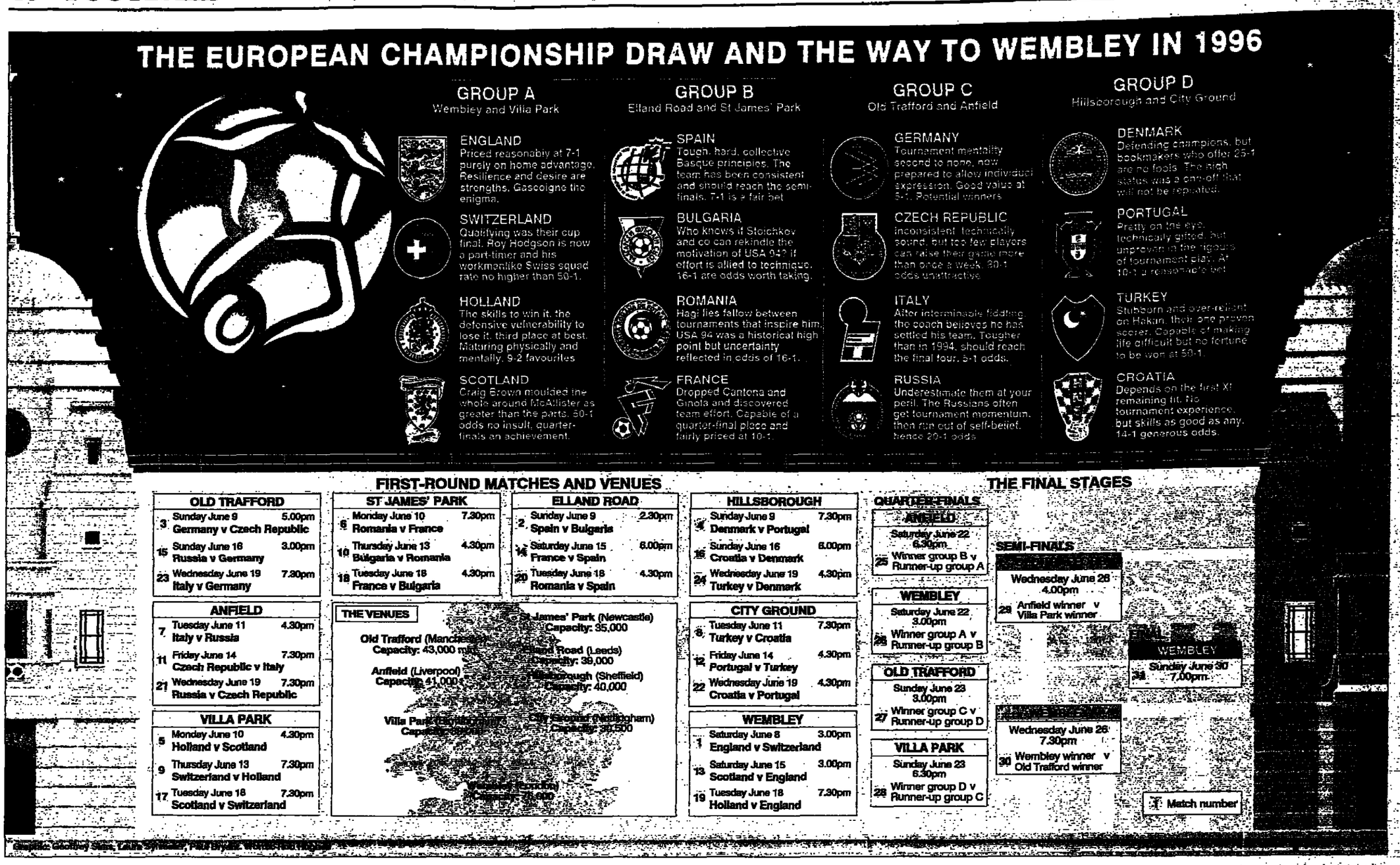
The Automobile Association and bicycles, would, at first sight appear to be poles apart, but someone at AA headquarters has spotted common ground, resulting in the publication of 50 cycle rides in Britain and Ireland.

It is a concept which meets the desire of many motorists to exchange motorway driving for pedal power. Suggested routes (from 15 to 32 miles) are illustrated with detailed maps.

☐ *Cycling Weekly Yearbook 1996* (Annuals Publishing Limited, £9.99).

☐ *Fifty Cycle Rides in Britain and Ireland* (AA Publishing, £10, from Marks & Spencer stores).

PETER BRYAN



Old enemies unite to prevent trouble at Wembley

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

A CAPACITY crowd of 76,000 will watch the first football match between England and Scotland in seven years, at Wembley on June 15 next year. Thousands of supporters jammed telephone hotlines yesterday, hoping to buy tickets, after the two countries were drawn in the same group in the European championship finals and Euro '96 officials confirmed that the game is already a sell-out.

England and Scotland will hold a series of security meetings to safeguard against crowd trouble. The annual fixture between the two countries was abandoned after England's win at Hampden Park in 1989 because of repeated hooliganism. One of the worst incidents, in 1977, involved Scotland supporters, who invaded the Wembley pitch, dug up the turf and damaged the goalposts, and the demise of the traditional season-ending attraction spelt the end of the home internationals.

Yet officials were eager to play down fears of a renewal of old rivalries yesterday. Glen Kirton, the tournament director, insisted the match would not present special security problems. "This is a major sporting event, with every match presenting a prospective security challenge, but Scotland no more so than any other side," he said. "It was time England started playing Scotland again anyway."

Jim Farry, the Scottish Football Association (SFA) chief executive, said Willie MacDougall, the SFA's security adviser, would be setting up meetings with the Football Association and Uefa. "We've been in close contact with the FA and now there will be a regular dialogue with them and Uefa," he said.

Terry Venables, the England coach, hinted that a fixture between the old rivals could be revived on a regular basis in the event of a trouble-free meeting in June. "The behaviour of fans will be looked at closely and everyone will hope nothing messes up the future of the fixture," Venables said. "Craig [Brown, the Scotland manager] and I have wanted to play each other for a long time but the powers that be thought that it wasn't right."

The depressing news for Scotland supporters yesterday was that there is only likely to be an increase of 2,000, if any, on Scotland's original ticket allocation of 7,000 for the match.

Scotland may receive greater allocations for their two games at Villa Park, against Holland on June 10 and Switzerland on June 18, although tickets are selling fast at the Birmingham venue.

Venables held informal talks with Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, at the weekend to discuss the proposal of Sir Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, to put him in charge for the 1998 World Cup and beyond. Venables has been told he can prepare his own warm-up programme for the European championship. The FA has told him that he does not have to play crowd-pullers or crowd-pleasers, only anyone he believes will put England in the right shape for their group games.


Venables: discussing new terms

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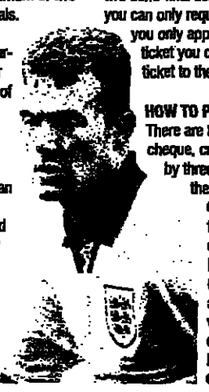
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Panthers fail to secure place in play-offs despite victory over Falcons

49ers given easy route to title by Atlanta

By Stuart Jones

FOUR of the six divisions of the National Football League have been decided. The picture in the American conference was completed when Buffalo Bills, by beating Miami Dolphins, joined Pittsburgh Steelers and Kansas City Chiefs as the champions of their respective divisions.

San Francisco 49ers became the first team to be crowned in the National conference and they did so without kicking or throwing a ball. Before they entered the home game against Minnesota Vikings last night, they were already assured of winning the western division for the eighth time in nine years.

Atlanta Falcons, the only team capable of catching them, were leading 17-7 at half-time, but then succumbed to the league's most successful newcomers. To cap their seventh victory, Carolina Panthers completed the longest play in their brief history, a mere 15 weeks.

The connection, an 89-yard touchdown pass hurled by Kerry Collins and caught by Willie Green, sealed the fate of the Falcons but the Panthers are still sure to fall short, albeit narrowly, of a spectacular finale. They cannot claim a place in the tangled web of the play-offs.

This weekend, the last of the regular season, another eight teams will extend their schedules at least until the end of the year. Two will finish as the champions of the east and central divisions of the National conference and six others will receive "wild cards".

The eastern title lies between Dallas Cowboys and Philadelphia Eagles, a race that tightened still further when they both won by a point on Sunday. Dallas are the favourites, but they protected their status with only five seconds left against New York Giants.

Chris Boniol kicked his fifth field goal to clinch the 21-20 victory for the Cowboys. Their closing fixture is on Monday night, away to Arizona Cardinals, who took a 20-14 lead into the fourth quarter against the Eagles but failed to prevent Calvin Williams's decisive touchdown.

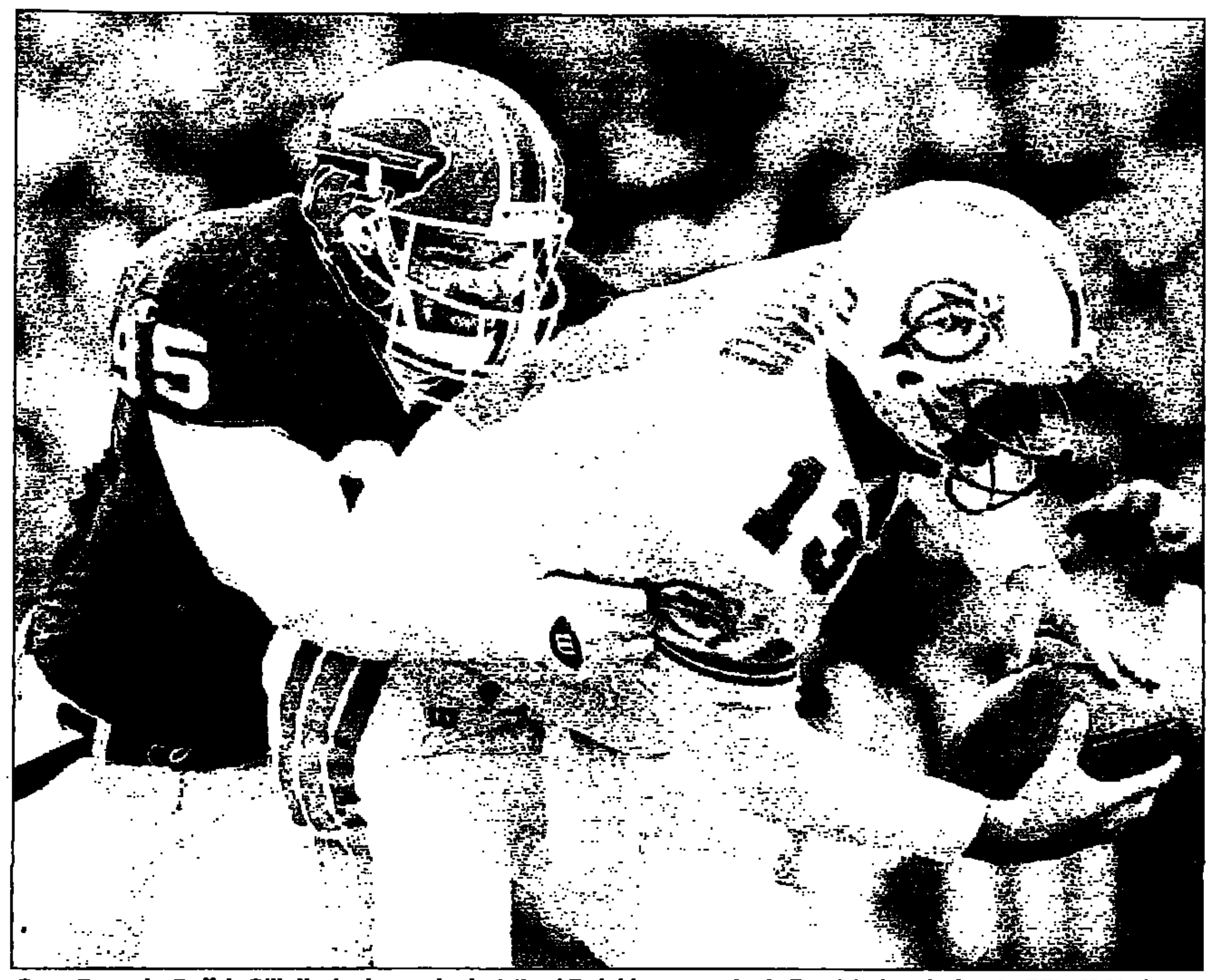
In the league's most competitive division, the National conference's central title lies between Green Bay Packers and Detroit Lions. With comprehensive wins, they both avoided anxiety, but it is sure to mount during the week. The Lions have the easier game, at Tampa Bay, and will be top if they win and the Packers lose.

In leading the Packers to a 34-23 victory over New Orleans Saints, Brett Favre completed four touchdown passes for the second time this season to lift his total to 36 and extend his lead over his fellow quarterbacks. None of them has thrown more than 28.

On Sunday, though, he faces one of the league's dominant forces, Pittsburgh. Detroit, in overwhelming Jacksonville Jaguars, maintained an unbeaten run which began six weeks ago when their coach was warned that his job depended on reaching the play-offs.

They should keep Wayne Fontes in his position. To qualify for a "wild card", they must finish with one of the three best records, other than the divisional champions, in the National conference. Only if they lose at Tampa Bay, therefore, could they drop out of contention.

Indianapolis Colts are still contenders in the American conference, but they were in peril until the last three seconds against San Diego Chargers. Only then did John Carney kick the field goal that keeps them ahead of Miami in the eastern division. Dan Marino, the Dolphins quarterback who has broken three league records this season, was injured early on in the game against Buffalo but returned to lead a recovery from a 13-3 deficit. Yet his characteristically belated charge was in vain. Another decisive field goal was claimed by Steve Christie.



Bryce Paup, the Buffalo Bills linebacker, sacks the Miami Dolphins quarterback, Dan Marino, during the Bills' 23-20 victory

DETAILS

RESULTS: Detroit 44 Jacksonville 0; Buffalo 23 Miami 20; Cleveland 26 Cincinnati 10, Houston 23 New York Jets 6; Carolina 21 Atlanta 17, Philadelphia 21 Arizona 20; Chicago 31 Tampa Bay 10, Washington 35 St Louis 23; Kansas City 20 Denver 17; San Diego 27 Indianapolis 24; Dallas 21 New York Giants 20, Seattle 44 Oakland 10

* Does not include game played last night

* Division title † Play-off place

American Football Conference

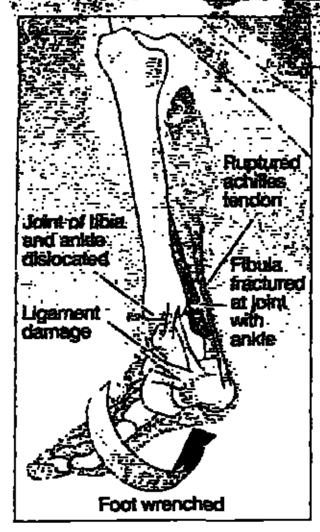
East division	W	L	PF	PA
* Buffalo	10	5	333	307
Indianapolis	8	7	321	309
Miami	8	7	357	310
New England	6	9	287	367
NY Jets	3	12	233	372
Central division				
* Pittsburgh	11	4	388	303
Cincinnati	6	9	322	350
Houston	6	9	320	307
Cleveland	5	10	268	332
Jacksonville	3	12	251	383
West division				
* Kansas City	12	3	332	238
Oakland	8	7	320	301
San Diego	8	7	294	306
Seattle	8	7	350	340
Denver	7	8	357	317

National Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
† Dallas	11	4	398	278
† Philadelphia	10	5	304	318
NY Giants	5	10	273	313
Washington	5	10	306	342
Arizona	4	11	262	385
Central division				
† Green Bay	10	5	380	295
Detroit	9	6	399	326
Minnesota	8	6	358	321
Chicago	8	7	372	346
Tampa Bay	7	8	228	298
West division				
* San Francisco	10	4	393	200
Atlanta	8	7	334	322
St Louis	7	8	287	377
Carolina	7	8	272	305
New Orleans	6	9	307	348

REMAINING FIXTURES: Saturday: Indianapolis Colts v New England Patriots, New York Giants v San Diego Chargers, Tampa Bay Buccaneers v Detroit Lions.
Sunday: Atlanta Falcons v San Francisco 49ers, Buffalo Bills v Houston Oilers, Cincinnati Bengals v Minnesota Vikings, Chicago Bears v Philadelphia Eagles, Green Bay Packers v Pittsburgh Steelers, Jacksonville Jaguars v Cleveland Browns, Kansas City Chiefs v Seattle Seahawks, New York Jets v New Orleans Saints, Oakland Raiders v Denver Broncos, St Louis Rams v Miami Dolphins, Washington Redskins v Carolina Panthers. Monday: Arizona Cardinals v Dallas Cowboys.

Le Saux faces hard road to recover full fitness



Foot wrenched

By David Maddock

THE sickening injury which Graeme Le Saux suffered playing for Blackburn Rovers on Saturday will deprive him of at least nine months of his career. Sadly, it could cost him his career altogether.

Le Saux, the England defender, was recovering in Highfield Private Hospital, Rochdale, last night after an operation to insert a pin in his fractured fibula. He was distraught after learning that the bone has been broken at the joint with the ankle. It is precisely the place an athlete fears a fracture most.

Ray Harford, the Blackburn manager, yesterday revealed the full extent of the injuries Le Saux suffered when his ankle was forced into an unnatural position in a tackle with Juninho, the Middlesbrough player.

"Graeme has fractured the fibula on the joint just above the ankle. He has dislocated the ankle and has damaged tendons," he said.

Le Saux now faces a long and difficult journey back to fitness, with even the normally reticent Harford agreeing that his full back will not play again until next season.

It could be much longer because the fracture he has suffered remains weak even after the bones have knitted together, and recovery is made painfully slow because of the debilitating effect of the other injuries.

David Fevre, a physiotherapist who joined Manchester United from Wigan rugby league club, outlined the severity of the case when he pointed out that several players with similar injuries have never played again.

"It all depends where the break is," he said. "If it is near the shaft of the fibula halfway up the shin, then you have got a chance. But if it is on the ankle, then it's very serious.

"Ieuan Evans had a bad one and yet he was back playing in three months. That was because the fracture was higher up the leg. Further down, then you could be struggling.

"But Graeme has a strong character and that is very important. If he is prepared to really work hard, then he will be back — although it will take a long time."

Terry Westley yesterday left Luton Town, by "mutual consent". His departure after just five months makes him the fifteenth manager to leave his job this season.

Luton will join Norwich City and Leicester City in their search for a new manager, and it could develop into a game of musical chairs. Martin O'Neill, who walked out on Norwich at the weekend, has moved ahead of Mike Walker, another former Norwich manager, as favourite to fill the position at Filbert Street.

Walker, though, may not have to wait long to find employment. He is already talked of as a strong candidate to take up the reins at Luton. David Kohler, the Kenilworth Road chairman, explained last night that he wanted to fill the vacancy by the weekend.

Norwich are in no such hurry. Robert Chase, the chairman, said yesterday that he has not accepted O'Neill's resignation and will demand compensation.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Lindsay inherits fixture dispute

AFTER his election yesterday as the inaugural chairman of the World's Super League International Board, the first problem for Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chief executive, is to resolve a confrontation about next year's international programme (Christopher Irvine writes). Graham Carden, the New Zealand Rugby League chairman, claims his organisation was promised a match with Australia on October 20, a date already reserved for the third international of Great Britain's series in Australia.

☐ Salford have rejected a player exchange offer from Leeds for Nathan McAvoy, the Great Britain Under-21 wing, understood to involve Alan Tait, Richard Eyres and Harvey Howard.

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Third-round draw: Barrow v Doncaster, Bramley v Heworth, Carlisle v West Bowling, Chorley v Thatto Heath, Highfield v West Hull, Hull Kingston Rovers v Eastmoor, Hunslet v Skirlaugh, Leigh v Woolston or Egremont, Swinton v Thornhill, York v Lock Lane. *Ties to be played on Jan 13 and 14*

Edberg to retire

TENNIS: Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, who will be 30 in January, has announced that next year will be his last on the professional circuit. One of only 12 men to be ranked at the top of the ATP rankings since their inception in 1973, Edberg, who turned professional in 1983, has won 41 singles titles, including six at grand slam tournaments — Wimbledon, the US Open and the Australian Open twice each.

Grove reach semis

TABLE TENNIS: BFL Grove have reached the semi-finals of the European Women's Club Cup of Champions with a superb victory in Poland. Andrea Holt, Lisa Lomas and Alison Broe, the top three from the England squad, overpowered Cierch-Siarka, who fielded two Chinese players, 4-0 at Tarnobrzej. The Grove play was typified by aggressive attack from Holt and dogged defence by Lomas.

Ring rejects move



RUGBY UNION: Mark Ring, right, the former Wales centre, has turned down the opportunity to join West Hartlepool. He has been offered a contract to remain at Cardiff, a role as a development officer with local clubs and a two-year contract with a building supplies firm. Ring, 32, will work for three days a week for Jewson's, who helped Cardiff to finance the return of Jonathan Davies.

National unity sought

BASKETBALL: British basketball could be restructured in order to create a stronger national team. The English, Scottish and Welsh associations are considering amalgamating into one side in time for the 1997 European championships. Previously, the three have combined only once every four years for Olympic qualifying, but for the Games in 2000 qualifying will be through success in Europe.

Accolade for Edwards

SPORTS AWARDS: Jonathan Edwards, the world triple jump champion, was yesterday voted sportsman of the year by the Sports Writers' Association. Frank Bruno was second and Colin Montgomerie third. Laura Davies won the women's award. Kelly Holmes, the athlete, was second and Lisa Clayton, the round-the-world yachtswoman, was third. The team trophy went to the Europe Ryder Cup team.

Scottish plea

RUGBY UNION: London Scottish are asking the Rugby Football Union to investigate an incident in which John Steele, their stand-off half, received two fractures to his jaw in the Courage Clubs Championship match against Blackheath on October 21. Scottish say that the decision to cite Leon White, of Blackheath, was taken after talks between the clubs failed to produce a satisfactory response.

POOLS FORECAST

Tuesday December 26 unless stated

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 Arsenal v QPR 1
2 A Villa v Liverpool 1
3 Chelsea v Wimbledon 1
4 Everton v Middlesbro X
5 Nott'm F v Sheff W 2
6 South'pton v Tott'ham 2
7 West Ham v Coventry X

Not on coupons: Blackburn v Manchester City; Bolton v Leeds (Wednesday); Manchester United v Newcastle (Wednesday)

FIRST DIVISION

8 Barnsley v Stoke 2
9 Charlton v Portsm'th 1
10 C Palace v Luton 1
11 Hudd'field v Derby 2
12 Norwich v Southend 1
13 Port Vale v WBA 1
14 Shelf U v Birm'gham 2
15 Sunderl'd v Grimsby 1
16 Tranmere v Oldham X
17 Wolves v Millwall 1

Not on coupons: Leicester v Ipswich, Watford v Reading

SECOND DIVISION

18 Blackp'l v Burnley X
19 Brentf'd v Brighton 2
20 Bristol C v Swansea 1
21 Chest'f'd v Peterboro 1
22 Crewe v Wrexham 1
23 Hull v Notts Co 2
24 Oxford v Bourn'm'th 1
25 Roth'ham v Walsall X
26 Shr'sbury v Bristol R 1
27 Stockp'l v Carlisle 2
28 Swindon v Wycombe 1
29 York v Bradford X

THIRD DIVISION

30 Barnet v Mansf'ld 1
31 Cambr'ge v Wigan 2
32 Cardiff v Chester X
33 Colch'ter v Leyton O X
34 Darl'gton v Doncaster 1
35 Gill'gham v Plym'th X
36 Hartlep'l v Scarboro 1
37 Lincoln v Fulham 1
38 North'pton v Hereford 1
39 Rochdale v Preston X
40 Scunthorpe v Bury 1

Not on coupons: Exeter v Torquay

SCOTTISH PREMIER

41 Falkirk v Aberdeen 2
42 Hearts v Motherwell 1
43 Partick v Hibernian 2
44 Raith v Celtic 2
45 Rangers v Kilmarn'k 1

SCOTTISH FIRST

46 Airdrie v St Mirren 1
47 Clydebank v Dundee 2
48 Dumb'ton v Dunf'mline X
49 Dundee U v Hamilton 1
50 St J'stone v Morton X

SCOTTISH SECOND

51 Ayr v Clyde 1
52 Forfar v E Fife X
53 Q of S'th v Stenh'muir 2
54 Stranraer v Berwick 2

SCOTTISH THIRD

55 Brechin v Alloa 1
56 Cowd'b'th v E Stirling 1
57 Livingston v Q Park 1
58 Ross v Arbroath 1

DRAWS (home teams): Everton, West Ham, Tranmere, Blackpool, Rotherham, York, Cardiff, Gillingham, Rochdale, Dumbarton, St Johnstone, Forfar.

BEST DRAWS: Everton, West Ham, York, Cardiff, Rochdale.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Arsenal, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Shrewsbury, Darlington, Hearts. Aways: Aberdeen, Hibernian, Celtic. Draws: Blackpool, York, Cardiff.

Saturday December 30

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 Arsenal v Wimbledon 1
2 A Villa v Sheff Wed X
3 Blackburn v Tott'ham 1
4 Bolton v Coventry 1
5 Chelsea v Liverpool 2
6 Everton v Leeds 1
7 Man Utd v QPR 1
8 Nott'm F v Middl'bro 2
9 South'pton v Man C 2
10 W Ham v Newcastle 2

FIRST DIVISION

11 Barnsley v WBA X
12 Charlton v Southend 1
13 C Palace v Grimsby 2
14 Hudd'field v Stoke X
15 Leicester v Oldham 1
16 Norwich v Reading 1
17 Port Vale v Luton 1
18 Sheff Utd v Millwall X
19 Sunderl'd v Birm'h'm X
20 Tranmere v Ipswich 2
21 Watford v Derby 2
22 Wolves v Portsmouth 1

SECOND DIVISION

23 Blackpool v Swansea 1
24 Brentf'd v Wycombe 2
25 Bristol C v Bristol R 1
26 Chest'f'ld v Walsall 1
27 Crewe v Peterboro 1
28 Hull v Brighton 2
29 Oxford v Notts Co X
30 Roth'ham v Bradford 1
31 Shr'sbury v Carlisle 1
32 Stockport v Wrexham 2
33 Swindon v Burnley 1
34 York v Bourn'm'th X

THIRD DIVISION

35 Barnet v Torquay X
36 Cambr'ge v Fulham 1
37 Cardiff v Wigan 1
38 Colch'ter v Scarboro 1
39 Darl'gton v Preston 2
40 Exeter v Chester 2
41 Gill'gham v Mansf'ld 1
42 Hartlep'l v Hereford 1
43 Lincoln v Leyton O X
44 North'pton v Plym'th 2
45 Rochdale v Bury 1
46 Scunth'pe v Donc'ter X

SCOTTISH PREMIER

47 Falkirk v Moth'well 1
48 Hearts v Celtic 2
49 Kilm'nock v Aberdeen X
50 Raith v Partick 1
51 Rangers v Hibernian 1

SCOTTISH FIRST

52 Dumb'ton v Dundee 2
53 Dundee U v Airdrie 1
54 Morton v Dunf'mline X
55 Hamilton v St Mirren 1
56 St J'ston v Clydeb'k 1

SCOTTISH SECOND

57 Berwick v Ayr 1
58 Clyde v Q of South 1

Not on coupons: East Fife v Stirling; Montrose v Stranraer; Stenhousemuir v Forfar

SCOTTISH THIRD

Not on coupons: Alloa v Cowdenbeath, Arbroath v Albion, Livingston v Caledonian, Queen's Park v Ross.

DRAWS (home teams): Aston Villa, Barnsley, Huddersfield, Sheffield United, Sunderland, Oxford, York, Barnet, Lincoln, Scunthorpe, Kilmarnock, Greenock Morton.

BEST DRAWS: Barnsley, Huddersfield, Sheffield United, Oxford, Lincoln

AWAYS: Liverpool, Newcastle, Grimsby, Derby, Wrexham

HOMES: Arsenal, Manchester United, Port Vale, Wolves, Bristol City, Crewe, Cambridge, Cardiff, Gillingham, Rochdale, Berwick, Clyde

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Arsenal, Port Vale, Wolves, Crewe, Gillingham. Aways: Newcastle, Grimsby, Plymouth. Draws: Sheffield United, Oxford, Lincoln

Clients should mail their coupons for December 26 and December 30 together, to arrive by *Saturday*.
☐ Vince Wright

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ROCHESTER: Kent Road Relay (4 x 2.6 miles) *Men*: Tom Joyce Memorial Trophy road relays (Rochester, inc Kent Championships) 1, Medway 47min 4sec; 2, Tonbridge 48.11; 3, GEC Avionics 48:40. *Fastest lap*: M Skelton (Tonbridge) 11:22. Veterans: 1, Invicta East Kent 50 39; 2, Cambridge Harriers 51:15; 3, Medway 53 17. Fastest lap: M Gratton (Invicta East Kent) 12:11. Over-50: 1, Invicta East Kent 56:49; 2, Cambridge Harriers 57 02; 3, Dartford 59 45. Fastest lap: S Birkin (Cambridge Harriers) 13 10. Women: Dulwich Runners 1 00.54.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Toronto 110 Orlando 93, Philadelphia 101 Minnesota 99; Milwaukee 84 Indiana 80, Cleveland 92 Denver 79; Washington 112 Portland 100.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester 80 Doncaster 88, Birmingham 97 Manchester 86, Leopards 83 Worthing 90

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Crystal Palace 98 Bury 47, Coventry 96 Braxton 80, Oldham and Rochdale Celtics 69 Nottingham Cobras 68, Plymouth Raiders 7 Mid-Sussex Magic 74, Solent Stars 92 Ware Rebels 95. Women: First division: Barking and Dagenham 60 Spelthorne 56, Northampton 44 Rhondda 66, Thames Valley 67 Plymouth 56, Nottingham 51 London 55, Sheffield 73 Ipswich 43, Tyne and Wear 68 Birmingham 76

BIATHLON

HOLMENKOLLEN, Norway: World Cup: Men: Relay (4 x 7.5km) 1, Russia (Magurov, Dratchev, Tarasov, Muslimov) 1hr 26min 55 6sec (0 misses); 2, Germany (Gross, Kirchner, Luck, Fischer) 1:27.32.6 (1); 3, Norway (Bjorndalen, Gjelland, Andresen, Tyldum) 1:28:02 8 (2). Women: Relay (4 x 7.5km), 1, Germany (U Disl, M Zellner, K Apel, P Behle) 1hr 43 14.2sec (3 penalty mins); 2, Norway 1.43:36.2 (3); 3, France 1.44:21 3 (2); 4, Russia 1:45:00 2 (3)

CYCLING

TIME-TRIAL: Border CA (Riseley, Berkshire, 10 miles): 1, D Redding (Team Clean) 21min 10sec; 2, J Wager (Portsmouth North End CC) 21 56; 3, T Batsford (Twickenham CC) 22:03

CYCLO-CROSS: Eastlands Velo (Philips Park, Manchester, 10 miles) 1, N Craig (Diamond Back) 57:29; 2, C Anelay (Bronte Wheelers) at 50sec; 3, B Green (Oldham Century RC) at 1.30. Spalding CC (Bourne, Lincolnshire, 9 miles) 1, S Barron (VC Lincoln) 54:42; 2, G Simcock (St Ives CC) at 47sec; 3, R Lister (VC Lincoln) at 1:08. Loughborough Phoenix (Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire, 9 miles): 1, S Knight (Halesowen A and CC) 52.52; 2, D Howitt (Melton Olympic) at 1:32; 3, N Taylor (Hykeham ATB) at 2.38. Royal Dean Forest CC (Coleford, Gloucestershire, 9 miles) 1, J Williams (CC Abergavenny) 57:27; 2, M James (Dawes RT) same time; 3, G Richardson (Coventry Olympic) at 36sec.

EQUESTRIANISM

OLYMPIA: International championships: Volvo World Cup qualifier: Christmas Knock Out: 1, Everest Randi (J Whitaker, GB) 2, Monterray La Silla (J Tops, Holl); 3, Fiorella (G Goosen, GB), Elpasja (W-J Van der Schans, Holl). Christmas Hamper: 1, Everest Dollar Girl (N Skelton, GB) clear, 33 44sec; 2, Uquileo le Fol (H Godignon, Fr) clear 37 72; 3, Cash (H Simon, Austria) 4 faults, 34.38. Mistletoe Top Score: 1, Everest Welham (J Whitaker, GB) 1,360pts; 2, Sprehe It's Me (L Beerbaum, Ger) 1,310 (second on faster time); 3, Orthos (P Murphy, GB) 1,310. P & O Mince Pie Puissance: 1, Sagral (G Goosen, GB, 7ft 4in); 2, San Patrignano Mister (F Sloothaak, Ger, 7ft 2in), equal 3, Hermann's Imagination (O Becker, Ger) and Sarcelle de Sisse (H Godignon, Fr).

FOOTBALL

SPANISH LEAGUE: Tenerife 1 Albacete 3, Salamanca 3 Real Sociedad 3; Compostela 2 Racing de Santander 0, Valencia 0 Atlético Madrid 1, Oviedo 1 Español 2, Real Madrid 1 Celta 0; Rayo Vallecano 0 Deportivo de La Coruña 6, Zaragoza 5 Valladolid 3; Bilbao 1 Merida 1

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Gil Vicente 0 Belenenses 0; Leca 1 Guimaraes 0, Chaves 0 Amadora 0; Campomaiorense 4 União Leiria 2; FC Porto 5 Tirsense 0; Boavista 1 Salgueiros 1, Sporting Braga 1 Maritimo Funchal 1

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Juventus 1 Internazionale 0

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: San Lorenzo 2 Rosario Central 2, Boca 2 Deportivo Español 2, Independiente 0 Velez 3, Gimnasia La Plata 0 Estudiantes 3; Arg Juniors 3 River 1, Belgrano 0 Banfield 0; Newell's 0 Gimnasia Jujuy 0; Lanus 1 Huracan 0; Colon 5 Racing 1

GOLF

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica: Johnnie Walker world championship: Final scores: 279: F Couples 70, 67, 71, 71 (won at second extra hole). L Roberts (US) 70, 70, 70, 69; V Singh (Fiji) 69, 68, 72, 70. 285: B Langer (Ger) 71, 73, 73, 68, M Calcavecchia (US) 72, 70, 70, 73. 288: P Mickelson (US) 72, 72, 72, 72; W Riley (Aus) 66, 71, 76, 75, A Cejka (Ger) 73, 75, 65, 75. 289: E Els (SA) 79, 73, 66, 71, N Faldo (Eng) 74, 75, 72, 68. 290: P Senior (Aus) 77, 70, 71, 72; P Azinger (US) 75, 74, 68, 73. 291: L Janzen (US) 75, 73, 74, 69. 292: B Mayfair (US) 75, 73, 68, 76. 293: D Duval (US) 72, 77, 70, 74. 296: S Torrance (Scot) 77, 75, 67, 77; C Montgomerie (Scot) 75, 72, 72, 77. 301: T Izawa (Japan) 80, 71, 72, 78. 324: J Daly (US) 80, 80, 84, 80.

HOCKEY

PERDISWELL: Midlands indoor tournament: Stourport 8 Kidderminster 1, Nottingham 2 Cannock 4; Barford Tigers 5 Stourport 3; Kidderminster 5 Cannock 14, Nottingham 7 Barford Tigers 7, Stourport 9 Cannock 8, Kidderminster 3 Nottingham 8; Barford Tigers 11 Cannock 4; Stourport 8 Nottingham 4; Barford Tigers 13 Kidderminster 2. Final positions: 1, Barford Tigers 10pts; 2, Stourport 9; 3, Cannock 6; 4, Nottingham 4; 5, Kidderminster 0

ICE HOCKEY

MOSCOW: Izvestia Cup: Sweden 5 Finland 1, Canada 2 Russia 2, Canada 3 Finland 1, Russia 6 Czech Republic 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Vancouver 4 Ottawa 1, Philadelphia 6 Pittsburgh 5, Toronto 3 Anaheim 2 (OT). Dallas 4 San Jose 2; Chicago 3 Winnipeg 1.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff 15 Humberside 5; Milton Keynes 6 Fife 7; Newcastle 3 Nottingham 8; First division: Blackburn 7 Chelmsford 1; Dumfries 7 Paisley 3, Guildford 4 Bracknell 4, Manchester 18 Peterborough 1, Medway 2 Swindon 9; Murrayfield 6 Telford 10.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Public schools championship: Junior Colts (Jim Dear Cup) Second round: J Parker (Tonbridge) bt T Bomford (Malvern) 15-2, 15-1; R Wilcox (Harrow) bt R Grindy (Cheltenham) 15-4, 2-15, 17-14; K Draper (Wellington) bt M Griffith-Jones (Wellington) 15-3, 15-5; A Loudon (Eton) bt N Hutton (Tonbridge) 15-3, 15-12. Quarter-finals: Parker bt Wilcox 15-0, 15-0; Loudon bt Draper 15-11, 15-2; E Cazalet (Eton) bt T Dunbar (Harrow) 15-7, 15-8; M Silcock (Radley) bt P Craven (Harrow) 15-12, 15-2

RUGBY UNION

FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool one: Toulouse 41 Nimes 16; Grenoble 38 Bayonne 10; Narbonne 40 Nice 5, Racing 15 Toulon 9, Agen 40 Perpignan 15. Pool two: Brive 13 Montferrand 9, Dax 29 Castres 18, Montpellier 7 Begles-Bordeaux 18; Rumilly 19 Bourgoin 10, Pau 13 Colomiers 9.

ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Milan 16 Treviso 17; Rovigo 22 San Dona 15; Mirano 12 Livorno 5, Petrarca 17 Catania 9; Piacenza 20 Roma 8; L'Aquila 25 Calvisano 8

SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: Uncle Ben's Winter Challenge: Finals: Men: Freestyle: 400m: 1, P Palmer (City of Lincoln) 3min 45 45sec; 2, I Wilson (City of Leeds) 3:47.25; 3, G Smith (Stockport M) 3.50 08 (Scottish record). Breaststroke: 50m: 1, G Schmid (US) 28 10; 2, J Parrack (City of Leeds) 28.16; 3, S Hendley (City of Sheffield) 28 47. Butterfly: 100m: J Hickman (Stockport M) 53.79 (British record); 2, A Clayton (City of Leeds) 54.22; 3, J Gojkovic (City of Sheffield) 54.91. Individual medley: 200m: 1, J Hickman (Stockport M) 2:00 78 (English record); 2, D Warren (City of Leeds) 2:02.96; 3, F Walker (Warrington W) 2:03.06. 4 x 100m freestyle: 1, City of Leeds 3:22.51 (British club record); 2, City of Birmingham 3:22 65; 3, City of Sheffield 3:25.29. Women: 400m: 1, A Bennett (Nova C) 4:11 48; 2, C Geurts (Hol) 4 12.21; 3, E Mortensen (City of Leeds) 4:16 12. Backstroke: 50m: 1 K Osher (Ealing) 29.32; 2, L Stent (Loughborough Students) 29.57; 3, Z Cray (Ipswich) 29.71. 200m: 1, C Geurts (Hol) 2:12.85; 2, M Madine (Ire) 2:14.04; 3, H Slatter (Warrington W) 2:14 49. Individual medley: 200m: 1, S Rolph (City of Newcastle) 2:13.16; 2, L Findlay (Wycombe Dist) 2.13.65; 3, H Slatter (Warrington) 2:18 30. 4 x 100m freestyle: 1, City of Bradford 3 53.71; 2, City of Leeds 3.54.08; 3, Portsmouth Northsea 3 54.16.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division
Peterborough v Stockport (7 45)

Third division
Fulham v Cardiff (7 45)
Hereford v Scunthorpe

Vauxhall Conference
Northwich v Telford (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Motherwell v Rangers (8 0)

Third division
East Stirling v Albion

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton v Salisbury (7 45). Southern division: Fleet T v Newport IOW. Dr Martens Cup: Second round: Gravesend and Northfleet v Crawley; Rothwell v Kings Lynn. Second round replay: Boston v Evesham, Trowbridge v Bashley.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Hayes v St Albans, Hendon v Hitchin. First division: Leyton Pennant v Thame. Third division: Windsor and Eton v Kingsbury. Carlton Cup: Second round: Enfield v Yeading, Heybridge Swifts v Uxbridge, Sutton Utd v Abingdon Town, Walton and Hersham v Kingstonian, Banstead v Camberley, Canvey Island v Collier Row, Wivenhoe v Leighton

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Marine v Accrington Stanley. Cup: Third round: Gainsborough v Frickley; Guiseley v Boston. President's Cup: First round: Atherton v Witton, Radcliffe v Spennymoor.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: West Ham v Watford (7.0)

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Everton v Sheff Wed. Second division: Rotherham v Bradford

LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Group one: First round: Bangor City v Conwy.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Milton Keynes v Dunstable

CALOR COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: Semi-final: Ballymena v Crusaders (at Oval).

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle v Clitheroe, Kidsgrove v Trafford, Maine Road v Penrith.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Romford v Eton Manor.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Wisbech v Soham, Wroxham v Diss. Cup: Second round: Sudbury v Halstead

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Lymington v Andover, Bemerton Heath v Brockenhurst, Gosport v Ryde Sports

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cup: Third round: S and L Corby v Bourne, Stotfold v Wootton

RUGBY UNION

Club match
Tredegar v South Wales Police (7.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7.30

Stones Championship
Leeds v London Broncos

Second division
Hunslet v York

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Lancashire v Yorkshire (at Leigh)

TOUR MATCH: Humberside under-18 v Australia Schools (at Boulevard, Hull)

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Tense finish to Olympia puissance

Nerveless Goosen rides high into crowd's affection

By Jenny MacArthur

GUY GOOSEN, 21, earned a prolonged standing ovation at the Olympia Show Jumping Championships when he and Sagrat won the P&O Events Puissance late on Sunday. Their winning height over the big wall was 7ft 4in, a new record for the arena.

There have been some memorable feats at this year's Christmas show, but none finer than this.

The Warwickshire-based Goosen, at 21, is the youngest rider competing at the event. A former leading junior, he went into what was only his third puissance more for experience than with any realistic hope of winning.

With the other eight contestants all going out in the early rounds he found himself, in the fifth and final round, pitted against the world champion, Franke Sloothaak, of Germany, on the favourite, San Patrignano Mister.

Sizing up what appeared to be a mismatch of David and Goliath proportions, Goosen's father suggested that the prize should be shared. Goosen was having none of it. Advised by his former employer, Nick Skelton, he decided to continue.

Sloothaak, the first to go, looked confident as he cantered round with his usual measured stride. His approach was perfect but Mister, an 11-year-old Dutch stallion, just clipped the top of the wall.

A hush descended as Goosen trotted into the arena. Although joint winner of the Wembley puissance in October, the wall on that occasion had stood at only 6ft 10in.

Robert Smith, who joined his team of ringside advisers, told the young rider to maintain a slow but steady rhythm. Goosen approached the wall on a perfect stride. The eight-year-old Sagrat, bought from Germany a year ago, put in an enormous leap, the bricks stayed in place and, as Goosen landed safely, the packed hall rose to its feet.

"It felt like riding into the side of a house," Goosen said later. "You get into your stride and just try and hold onto it."

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Yesterday it was the turn of Hugo Simon, of Austria, at 53 the oldest competitor at the show, to hold the audience spellbound with a display of precision jumping. Simon, already the winner of two classes, won The Snowman Six Bar on Gondonso, aged eight, when he was the only rider to clear the six fences in the fourth round. The final fence stood at 6ft 1in.

Simon, who is competing at the show for the first time for ten years, bought Gondonso only two weeks ago.

Olympia has proved a baptism by fire for the young horse. "When I first rode him in the arena on Thursday, he was frightened by the noise and the people and kept spooking," Simon said.

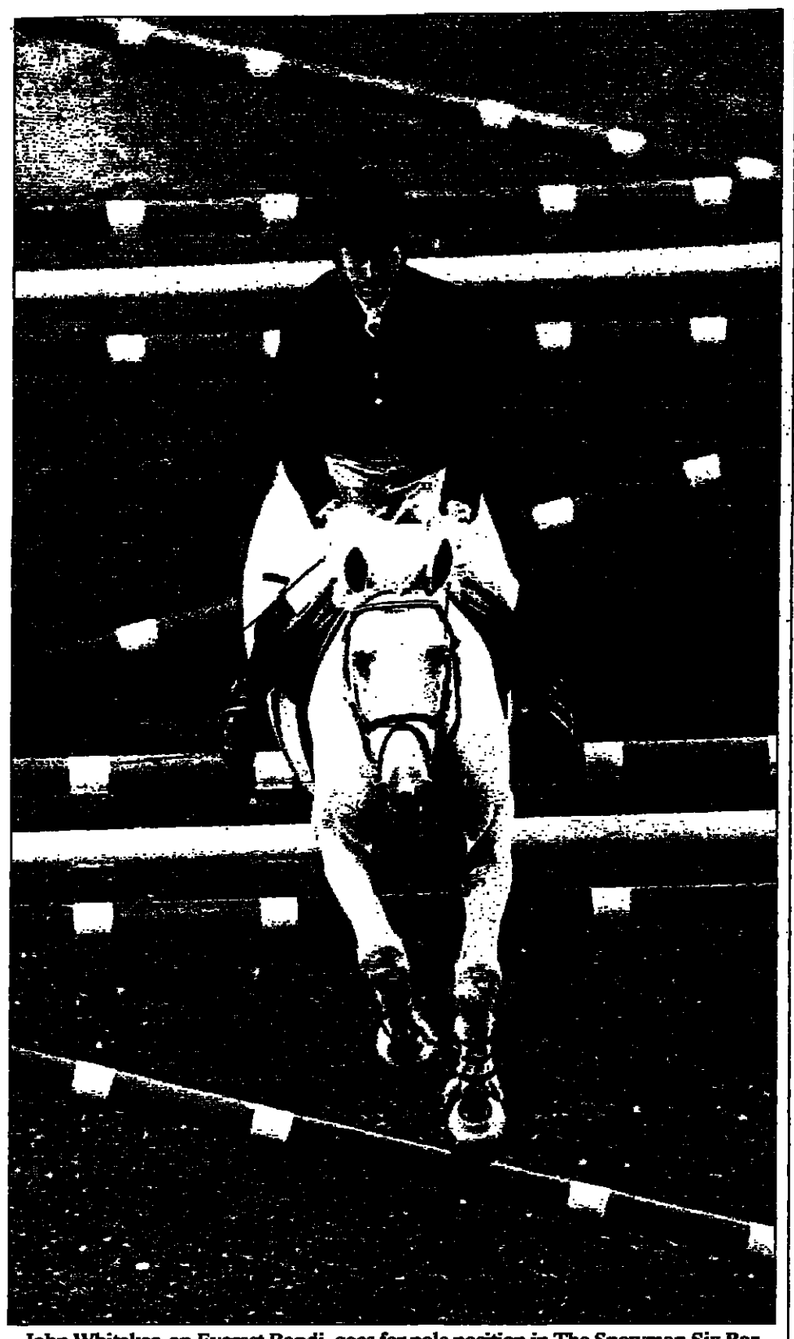
He decided that the Six-Bar event — where horses have to jump a line of progressively higher fences evenly — would suit the young horse because he likes to jump fast and the even distances encourage good jumping.

Five reached the final round but Tim Stockdale's promising young horse, Toggi Samoens, decided he had had enough and ran out at the second fence. John Whitaker and Everest Randi, to the dismay of the crowd, just touched the penultimate fence.

The European champion, Peter Charles, of Ireland, on Blue Bayu, and Wout Jan Van der Schans, of Holland, on Elpasja, made the same mistake. Simon, who vowed he would only return to Olympia when he had a string of top horses, underlined Gondonso's class with a faultless display of power jumping.

Later, Michael Whitaker, who has had a lean show with his top horse, Midnight Madness, won his third event on his brilliant speed horse, My Messieur, taking The Christmas Eve Fault and Out.

Although delighted with the win, he could not hide his disappointment over Midnight Madness, who, he now thinks, may have an infection. "Something's definitely wrong — he's never had so many fences down as he's had this week."



John Whitaker, on Everest Randi, goes for pole position in The Snowman Six Bar

The first of the many?

Those Magnificent Men. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

Iain Johnstone has really started something with his survey of the cinema's long and productive love affair with the flying machine. He will now have to do something similar with motor cars, trains and ships. I will whisper a few titles in his ear to encourage him: *Geneviere, Oh Mr Porter, In Which We Serve.* Meanwhile, we can be thankful for *Those Magnificent Men.* You have guessed correctly that there are anecdotes about William Wellman's *Wings*, the spoofs *Airplane* and *Hot Shots!*, *The Dam Busters* and *The First of the Few* — all of them films that had their heads in the clouds and money-making feet on the ground.

The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic. *Radio 3, 1.00pm.*

Of the five works in this programme, I must say that it is the three symphonic sketches Debussy called *La Mer* that interest me most. This is partly because I think this is one of the most mystical works in the long calendar of programme music. Mainly it is because I cannot listen to it without wincing when I think of the abuse that was once heaped on it. Especially spiteful was the verdict of the American critic Louis Elson. He wrote about the first movement, *De l'aube à midi*: "I feared a movement seven hours long. It was not so long, but it was terrible while it lasted!" The composer Lalo said sniffily of the whole of *La Mer*: "I neither hear, nor see, nor feel the sea." How can he have said that?

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Clive Warren 5.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa I'Anson, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat; and at 1.15 The Net 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Cling Film with Mark Kermode and Wendy Lloyd 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Wendy Lloyd, incl at 12.15am The Net

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 5.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Debbie Thrower 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hayes Over Britain 8.30 Sinatra: the Other Side (3/6) 9.00 Those Magnificent Men. See Choice 10.00 The Christmas Robbin' 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing; 8.35 The Magazine, incl at 10.35 Euronews; 11.00 News; Dirty News 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Rescue on Five, incl at 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time; 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide, incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, incl 7.20 Sport 7.35 The Tuesday Match. Rangers v Motherwell 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl at 11.15 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr 7.00 Simon Bates 10.00 Jonathan King 12.00 Tommy Boyd 2.00pm Anna Raeburn 4.00 Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner 7.00 Sean Bolger 9.00 Moz Dee 10.00 James Whale 1.00-6.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonata 7.00 The Opera Guide 8.00 Evening Concert. Classic FM's Charitable Trust's Christmas Concert, recorded at Westminster Abbey in London 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.30 Paul Coyte 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Sibelius (Pan and Echo: Gothenburg SO); Vaughan Williams (A London Symphony, Symphony No 2: BBC Welsh SO under Richard Hickox); Suk (Fantastic Scherzo); Ives (A Night Song; The Children's Hour; At the River); Stradella (Sonata a otto viole con una tromba); **8.05** Tallis (Spem in allum); **8.32** *Symphony Series*: Mozart (Symphony No 35 in D, Haffner)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Gershwin, orch Grofé (Rhapsody in Blue); Debussy (Petite Suite); Beethoven (Cello Sonata in G minor, Op 5 No 2)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Vivaldi (Double Concerto in C for two trumpets and strings); **10.08** a selection of carols; **10.15** Fauré (Souvenir de Bayreuth); Purcell (What, shall be done in behalf of the man?); **11.30** *Artist of the Week*: Martin Roscoe, piano, plays Dohnányi (Piano Concerto No 2 in B minor); Holst (The Golden Goose)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Zelenka (Psalm 130, De profundis; Te Deum, excerpts; Hipocondrie a 7; Capriccio No 5 in G)

1.00pm The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic. See Choice

2.25 Fairest Isle: Best of Friends. Settings of music by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Gustav Holst to two poems by Walt Whitman

3.00 Fairest Isle: British Cities. A musical portrait of Norwich

5.00 The Music Machine. Tabitha Watling, Radio 2 Choir Girl of the Year; and Henry Kelly choose their favourite and least favourite music

5.15 In Tune, live from Cardiff. The pianist Martin Roscoe; BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Martyn Brabbins perform Bridge (Sir Roger de Coverley; Christmas Dance); Respighi (Fantasia Slava); **6.03** Bloch (Night); Prokofiev (Cinderella at the castle, Cinderella); Rimsky-Korsakov (Suite, Christmas Eve); Dohnányi (Pastorale)

7.30 Amsterdam Mahler Festival. The second of 15 concerts. Hakan Hagegard, baritone; Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Riccardo Chailly perform Mahler (Lieder eines fahreneden Gesellen; Symphony No 1)

9.10 Cinema 100: The Dream Project. The director Bruce Robinson talks about his ultimate fantasy film (2/4)

9.30 Stravinsky for Two Pianos. Peter Hill and Benjamin Frith, pianos. Sonata; Concerto; The Rite of Spring. (r)

10.45 Night Waves. A discussion from Joseph's Bookshop in London. Christopher Cook tables the motion: "Of the many kinds of anti-Semite, T.S. Eliot was the rarest kind: one who was able to place his anti-Semitism at the service of his art". Also, P.J. O'Rourke looks forward to the 1996 American Presidential election

11.30-12.30am Music Restored. Revolutionary Drawing Room performs accompanied keyboard sonatas by Clementi, Ries and Schobert

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444

10.00-10.30 La Mia Italia (FM only). The Lombard Rate William Ward meets the entrepreneurs of Monza (3/4)

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 Those Glorious Songs of Old (LW only) (r)

10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. Serial: *Clean Break*, by Val McDermid (12/13)

11.30 Medicine Now, presented by Geoff Watts

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm The Heritage Quiz. Sue MacGregor's guests are Christopher Cook, Graham Fawcett, Philippa Gregory and Michael Schmidt 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 Thirty Minute Theatre: They Can't Take That Away from Me, by Richard Pearce. Octogenarians Mary and Jack (Mary Wimbush and Maurice Denham) rediscover the magic of Christmas when they meet on a ferry while travelling from the Isle of Wight to Portsmouth. With Ross Livingstone

2.30 Personal Records. Jeremy Nicholas peruses John Tusa's record collection

3.00 The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan selects Christmas television highlights, reviews the play *Private on Parade* by Peter Nichols, and looks at the French passion for musicals

4.45 The Story of Doctor Dolittle, by Hugh Lofting. Read by Alan Bennett (2/5)

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Rent. Last part of Lucy Flannery's comedy series. With Barbara Flynn and Patrick Barlow (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Paging Dr Love. Professor Anthony Clare analyses Hollywood's obsession with psychiatrists

8.00 Science Now (r)

8.30 Perspectives. A portrait of Glasgow

9.00 In Touch. Tony Berringer's guest is Ian Bruce, Director General of the Royal National Institute for the Blind. Phone 0171-580 444

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Go-Between (7/10)

11.00 Mediumwave (r)

11.30-12.00 Derek Cooper's Necessary Pleasures (FM only). The first of five programmes celebrates the revival of the cherry (r)

12.00 News, incl 12.27am Weather

12.30 The Late Book: Miss Smilla's Feeling for Snow, by Peter Hoeg (2/15)

12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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Sella considers move to England

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

PHILIPPE SELLA, the rugby union world's most-capped player, will announce at a press conference in Paris tonight his plans for the new year. They are likely to include his retirement from international rugby after 110 games and 30 tries for France and the prospect of a season in English club rugby.

Speculation has been rife in France that he could link up with Will Carling, the England captain, at Harlequins, but yesterday Dick Best, the director of rugby at the Stoop, played down such a possibility. "At 33, he's getting on a bit and, apart from Will, we have a crop of promising young centres whom we want to develop," Best said.

Sella's communications business will bring him more frequently to England and his name has also been linked with Saracens and Leicester. However, were he to appear in England after a career spent with Agen, he would only serve to emphasise the growing problem faced by the English team management as they struggle to develop a new-look XV.



Sella: making plans

Harlequins, for example, have provisionally registered two Irish back-row forwards, David Corkery and Anthony Foley. The introduction of such diverse talent extends the drawing power of the clubs, but does little in the short term for England's team-building.

John Elliott, the Rugby Football Union's development officer, remains convinced that it is right for England to advance their playing horizons, but emphasised yesterday the problems of bridging the gap with club rugby. "We are trying to encourage players to do in internationals what they are not accustomed to doing on a weekly basis," Elliott said. "Maybe, as happened with fitness levels after 1988, England have to set the example first before it will percolate through."

There is little the RFU can do to stop the burgeoning transfer market. They had acknowledged the force of the Bosman case in football even before last week's confirmation of the initial judgement, and players from European Community countries will be subject to the same qualification period as English players in the national divisions — that is, seven days, as opposed to the 180-day period for other overseas players.

Ed Morrison, the Englishman who refereed the World Cup final last June, will officiate in the France v Ireland international in Paris on February 17. Brian Campsall, of Yorkshire, has been awarded the Ireland v Scotland game on January 20.

Knight's unbeaten 90 settles series

By Our Sports Staff

AN UNBEATEN 90 from Nick Knight, the opening batsman, helped to secure a seven-wicket victory for England A over Pakistan A in the second one-day international in Faisalabad yesterday. The win clinches the one-day series 2-0, with one match to play.

England bowled and fielded better than in their first 40-over match, restricting the Pakistanis to 186 for six on a flat pitch which offered little help to bowlers. Shahid Anwar, the Pakistan A opener, batted through the innings but his runs dried up towards the end as Richard Stemp, Ronnie Irani and Dean Headley kept him mainly to singles. Only a rapid 26 from the big-hitting Azhar Mehmood brought any respectability to Pakistan's total.

England began the pursuit with both Knight and Dominic Ostler piercing the close-set field. Knight, dropped by the wicketkeeper off the second ball, picked up two leg-side sixes during his innings and put on 110 in 21 overs with the fluent Nasser Hussain, whose 50 took only 67 balls. Jason Pooley helped push the score along before being run out, but England still had nine balls remaining when Knight struck the winning boundary over mid-on.

"We fielded and bowled much better today," Hussain said. "The wicket was flat but low and they were always going to struggle to defend less than 200. They don't field as well as us. Now we've won the one-day series as well, it will be hard to fully motivate the lads for the final match but it would be nice to go through the tour unbeaten."

Shaun Udal, the Hampshire off spinner, is returning home early from the tour after his month-old daughter fell ill and was taken into hospital for observation. The rest of the England party, who play their final one-day match tomorrow, are scheduled to return on Friday.

"It's only a precaution but Shaun understandably feels that he wishes to be with his family," Tim Lamb, the TCCB spokesman, said.

☐ West Indies need to beat Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground today to keep alive their hopes of reaching the final of the World Series triangular tournament there. West Indies slumped to defeat in their opening two limited-overs matches of the series, against Australia and Sri Lanka.

Richie Richardson, the captain, said: "I've never known it before. I've seen us have one or two bad matches, but never four in a row. We've just got to get one score. If we get one score and get our confidence back, the slump in form could be over."

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN A

Shahid Anwar not out 67
†Shakeel Ahmed c Piper b Giddins 1
Ijaz Ahmed Jr c Knight b Giddins 3
*Asif Mujtaba c White b Stemp 42
Mansoor Rana c Knight b Stemp 3
Zahid Fazal lbw b White 11
Azhar Mehmood b Headley 26
Akram Raza not out 5
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 2) 8
Total (6 wkts) 186

Shahid Nazir, Salman Fazal and Ali Goher did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-17, 2-28, 3-108, 4-112, 5-132, 6-180.

BOWLING Munton 8-1-22-0, Giddins 8-1-26-2, Stemp 8-0-38-2, Headley 8-0-42-1; Irani 4-0-19-0, White 4-0-34-1

ENGLAND A

N V Knight not out 90
D P Ostler lbw b Azhar 24
*N Hussain b Azhar 50
J C Pooley run out 12
R C Irani not out 6
Extras (lb 3, w 5) 8
Total (3 wkts) 190

C White, †K J Piper, D W Headley, R D Stemp, E S H Giddins and T A Munton did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-48, 2-158, 3-175.

BOWLING Shahid Nazir 7-0-29-0; Ali 4-0-24-0; Azhar 7.3-2-33-2; Akram 6-0-38-0; Asif 3-0-17-0; Shahid Anwar 6-0-30-0; Zahid 6-0-26-0.

Umpires: Mian Mohammad Aslam and Feroze Butt.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	30	100	good	varied	fair	fair	-2	16/12
(Conditions generally good; some hard patches early on)								
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	15	50	fair	varied	open	rain	2	18/12
(Snowing above mid-stations; 34 of 64 lifts open)								
Mayrhofen	5	30	fair	varied	closed	snow	-1	18/12
(Mostly good skiing on man-made and natural snow)								
Obergurgl	50	55	fair	varied	fair	snow	-2	18/12
(Pistes much improved with around 10cm of new snow)								
Schladming	40	100	good	heavy	good	snow	2	18/12
(Pistes almost empty; good snow and prospects excellent)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	45	100	good	powder	good	fine	-7	18/12
(Good skiing in all open areas; shallow powder to ski)								
Avoriaz	40	70	good	powder	fair	cloud	0	18/12
(Vastly-improved conditions after good snowfalls)								
Chamonix	25	35	art	none	closed	cloud	4	18/12
(Skiing restricted to handful of runs on man-made snow)								
Flaine	30	40	fair	varied	closed	cloud	2	18/12
(Skiing still limited, but open runs better after snow)								
C Chevalier	45	100	good	powder	fair	sun	2	18/12
(Superb skiing with powder on all pistes; resort quiet)								
Val d'Isère	15	100	fair	varied	art	snow	3	18/12
(Skiing good high up but much more snow needed low down)								
SWITZERLAND								
C Montana	5	50	fair	varied	closed	snow	-1	18/12
(Some new snow but skiing still limited; six of 42 lifts open)								
Mürren	20	85	good	powder	closed	snow	-2	18/12
(Berg and Engetal good; powder on Allmendhubel)								
Verbier	20	100	good	varied	closed	fine	3	18/12
(Fresh snow improving conditions; 18 of 38 lifts open)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 38

HOABINHIAN

(b) Of, pertaining to, or designating a Mesolithic or Neolithic culture found in parts of South East Asia, particularly Vietnam, Laos and Malaysia. Toponym from *Hoabinh*, a village in Vietnam, where the first major site was found. "The culture which these prehistoric cave-dwellers followed probably preceded the end of the Ice Age. It has been named Hoabinhian, after a province in North Vietnam where this culture was first recognised."

MORENA

(a) The title given to a chief in Lesotho, hence a respectful form of address. The native name. "If it is known, call him by his name and surname, and add 'mister' (Morena), particularly if you are in his homeland."

LUFTMENSCH

(c) An impractical visionary. Yiddish, from the German *luft* air + *mensch* a person. "The prototype of the luftmensch was one Leone de Modena, who listed his skills and cited no fewer than 26 professions. Why would so accomplished a man be classified as a luftmensch? Because, out of all 26 professions, he barely made a living."

MOGGY

(c) Slang for a cat, a pet name from the West Midlands, probably from *Maggie*.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. e6! Qxb2: 2. exf7+ Kxf7: 3. Qg6+ and wins quickly.

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Dear Diary,

'I'm mad I am!' said Max..... yes I heard this whilst holding a seashell to my ear. It also whispered 'turn on VH-1 at 6.00pm and you'll see Tina Turner'. So I did – what a bona fide legend and rock goddess she is. 'Ike.... where are you now?' said I. 'Managing a corner shop' squealed the shell. But don't believe everything you hear on the beach.

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Abreast of turkeys and tabloid toplessness

Leg or breast? The traditional Yuletide dilemma arrived a little earlier than expected, but my reply was, as ever, diplomatic. "Oh, a bit of both please." And that, dear reader, is how I came to spend last night watching **The Page Three Story** (BBC2) and **The Turkey Business** (Channel 4).

Rarely can the significance of *breast size have been* so earnestly discussed on television for so long, opening up a rich but dangerous vein of bar-stool humour for the imprudent critic. Let us just say, that given the choice between a Norfolk bronze turkey and bronzed Tracy from Norfolk, I know which one I want in my Christmas stocking. Free-range, organically fed and no added water please, Santa.

Cruelty to birds was the theme of an evening which revealed that both the feathered and the feather-cut variety face similar problems — an over-abundance up top, a *structural deficiency in the leg* department and a very short working life. Tarnished reputations, however, last rather longer — a turkey may be for Christmas, but a page three girl is for life.

The lovely Lindas and gorgeous Gaynors of this world all share one basic design fault — a shortness of leg, which prevents them making it in the heightist world of fashion. Must be why it's called haute couture, I suppose.

As for the turkeys, decades of breeding (which whatever the commentary said is not the same as genetic engineering) has produced a bird that is simply too heavy for its little legs. Not only *does this condemn it to spending* its short life teetering painfully around horribly crowded sheds, but it can no longer seek comfort and consolation with a bit of flap and tickle. Sex, as it is naturally practised, is no longer possible.

A few years ago, as bosoms expanded to a size that threatened page two, a similar fate looked in store for topless models. But the trend was reversed just in time, according to no less an authority than Samantha Fox: "The 1980s were the time for big boobs. The 1990s are the time for little boobs — or plastic boobs. It's a pity really."

For those hoping for more than a quick flash of seasonal cheer, Liz Warner's film will have proved a disappointment. A haggle (what *is* the collective noun?) of fully clothed former pin-ups held forth on the perils and pitfalls of topless modelling. Some were funny — the difference between page three and top shelf magazines? "Well, it's knickers, really." Some were touching — " a lot of people write to say they like the warmth in my eyes". Others were as hard as nails. "Choose your boyfriends carefully — they're the ones who drop you in it."

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

The only flesh on view came courtesy of a curious photo-session, which appeared to have been arranged specially for the BBC but which we saw through the tediously jerky, deliberately out-of-focus camera of someone desperate to show that on no account were they taking this seriously. Unless of course, it's true what they say about it making you go blind.

Back in the turkey sheds, there was more jerky camera work — but Chris Oxley's team had an excuse. They were using hidden cameras to reveal the horrible but unsurprising life and death of your average Christmas turkey, a process that begins with artificial insemination and ends with the stroke of a razor blade. The film was powerful, predictable and, in keeping with its overweight subject matter, not exactly balanced. Sorry, my fat, feathery friends, but I eat on.

A little earlier, two *potential* page seven fellahs graced our screens, with Stephen Fry making his much-heralded return in **The Thin Blue Line** (BBC1) and Jarvis Cocker mumbling amusingly through **No Sleep till Sheffield — Pulp go Public** (BBC2).

For Fry it was as if he had never been away — Brigadier Blaster Sump was simply General Melchett reborn, this time with kilt and beard. Lots of shouting and sexual innuendo — he knew the drill and so, of course, did we.

For, after six weeks of Ben Elton's first sit-com, it is now abundantly clear that when it comes to nailing a laugh Inspector Fowler (Rowan Atkinson) is Captain Blackadder reborn — inexplicably burdened with pedantry, police work and Chocolate Hob-Nobs, but with the same crushing one-liners. Confused? Well, he should be. Gems such as, "If it were illegal to be sex mad, tone *deaf and impossible to understand* ... we'd have to arrest the entire population of France" do not fall easily from the lips of a man desperately looking forward to the sub-district, regional police conference.

With only a Christmas special still to come, Elton and Atkinson might usefully spend the festive season searching for a more coherent character for Fowler. But then again — why bother. He is very funny, the supporting cast are excellent and a longer, second series is something to look forward to. I can't still be the only one who likes it.

By contrast, everybody likes Pulp and more especially their etiolated lead singer Jarvis Cocker, a man for whom the phrase "sex on a stick" might have been invented. "Everybody fancies him," enthused one female fan, "even the boys." *That may be, but I suspect* Cocker's widespread popularity owes as much to his age as his louche looks. At 32, he has rejuvenated a generation heading towards *Radio 2. But best of all*, we learned in this near-parody of a band-on-the-road movie, he listens to John Barry, the composer who gave *The Persuaders* their ding ding ding-ding, on his Walkman. "It makes real life seem like a film." Always a good idea.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (22155)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (47796451)
9.10 Kilroy (s) (1841631)
10.00 News (Ceefax) (5736557)
10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7989398)
10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (15797)
12.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (8423529)
12.05pm Pebble Mill (s) (5662161)
12.50 News (Ceefax) *regional news and weather* (64518906)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (98093)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (96988155) **1.50 Columbo: Dead Weight.** With Peter Falk (Ceefax) *(6915161)* ***3.05 Timekeepers*** *(s) (6575884)*
3.30 Pingu (r) (6711797) **3.35 Favourite Songs** (r) (1498529) **4.00 Eek the Cat** (r) (1693426) **4.20 Popeye and Son** (r) (8765451) **4.35 Take Two** (Ceefax) (s) (1057819)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (3318426)
5.10 The Biz (Ceefax) (s) (8776155)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (691141) **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35** Inside Ulster News
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (426)
6.30 Regional News magazines (906) **NORTHERN IRELAND: 6.30** Neighbours **6.55** On the Way to Bethlehem **6.58** Inside Ulster News
7.00 Holiday. *Jill Dando finds out how to holiday on the* luxury island of Barbados on a shoestring (Ceefax) (s) (6567)
7.30 EastEnders. Pat reluctantly receives a visitor at her home; and Clare drops in on Felix with disastrous *results (890)*
8.00 FILM: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988) Michael Caine plays a smooth English conman who makes his living fleecing wealthy women on the Côte d'Azur. When an American (Steve Martin), moves onto his pitch the two men decide to see who will be the first to dupe a naive young American heiress. Directed by Frank Oz (1722) **Continues after the news**
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) (5242)
9.30 FILM: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (conclusion) (632451)



Portrait of the comedian Peter Cook (10.20pm)

10.20 Omnibus: Some Interesting Facts About Peter Cook (Ceefax) (s) (229161) **NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.20** On Air **11.10** Omnibus **12.10am** On the Way to Bethlehem **12.13** Inside Ulster News **12.15-1.50** Film: The Italian Job **WALES: 10.20** The Dragon Writes Back (238426) **10.30** Omnibus (83426) **11.30-1.05am** Film: The Italian Job (240345)
11.20 FILM: The Italian Job (1969). Another crime caper comedy with Michael Caine and the car chase to end all car chases. A crook masterminds the theft of gold bullion from a security van in Turin and disables the computerised traffic control system. Directed by Peter Collinson (638451)
12.55am Weather (4019440)

BBC2

7.00am Breakfast News (Signed) (9937364)
7.15 Lassie (2639180) ***7.40 Albert the 5th Musketeer*** (r) (7551722) **8.05 Blue Peter** (r) (s) (2856797) **8.35 The Record** (7352703) **9.00 China: The Silent Minority** (3066884) **9.50 Prue Leith's Tricks of the Trade** (r) (3910616) **10.00 Playdays** (s) (8339839)
10.25 FILM: Mr Smith Goes to Washington (1939) starring James Stewart as a sincere country boy who takes on corrupt politicians. Directed by Frank Capra (52116548)
12.30pm See Hear! (r) (s)(40819)
1.00 Spot (r) (26885971) **1.05 Juniper Jungle** (r) (s) (48792109)
1.15 Movie Magic (r) (44344987) **1.40 Turning Points** (73005635)
1.45 Entertaining Microwave (s) (15323890)
2.00 Understanding Cats (60249838) **2.15 Spirits of the Yellow Leaves** (2238190)
3.00 News (Ceefax) (8806971)
3.05 Westminster (Ceefax) (s) (2604364) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) (9428987)
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (819) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (703) **5.00 Esther** (s) (4345) **5.30 Ruth Mott's Country Christmas** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (155)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air Teen comedy starring Will Smith (r) (s) (578155)
6.25 Heartbreak High(Ceefax) (s) (887722)
7.10 Dear Dilemma Lisa I'Anson is joined by *Heartbreak High*'s Abi Tucker and Damon from the pop group EYC (Ceefax) (s) (218161)
7.30 From the Edge. Series made by disabled people for disabled people (Ceefax) (s) (432)
8.00 ***The Limit: Remotest Robot****. The last in* the *Grand Designs* series follows the quest to create a robot drill that can perform in zero gravity on a comet 600 million kilometres from Earth (s) (2659)
8.30 ***Food and Drink*** *(Ceefax) (s) (2364)*
9.00 Steptoe and Son: A Perfect Christmas Classic rag 'n' bone comedy starring Harry H Corbett and Wilfrid Brambell (r) (Ceefax) (478109)
9.45 The Travel Show Christmas Special. Penny Junor presents an East Coast of the United States special (s) (907277)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (Ceefax) (107155)
11.15 Weather (912819)



Jack Nicholson and Karen Black (11.20pm)

11.20 FILM: Five Easy Pieces (1970). Cult study of American alienation starring Jack Nicholson With Karen Black. Directed by Bob Rafelson (Ceefax) (648703). Ends at **1.00am**

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CHOICE

Network First: Entertaining Angels Unawares
ITV, 10.40pm

Thirty-two per cent of Americans who believe in angels say they have met one; in Cornwall there is a chap who has built a runway on which visiting angels can land; and one old lady says they helped her with her shopping. *In this ambitious documentary the* universal appeal of the guardian spirit in our psyche and culture is thoroughly examined. The encounters are reconstructed with suitably wobbly focus, à la *Twilight Zone*, and the interviews with the believers countered by ones with the sceptics. Cultural references, theological standpoints and historical overviews are crammed into the programme. But the overriding message seems to be our growing need to believe in a benign spiritual being to look after us.

Omnibus: Some Interesting Facts About Peter Cook
BBC1, 10.20pm

What is the worst job in the world? Never mind Jayne Mansfield's little problem with crustacea, pinpointing Peter Cook's *wayward comic genius would feature* high on anybody's list. Yet Lewis Heaton's unsentimental film takes a credible stab at it. Unlike the recent Channel 4 run of reverential and uncritical tributes to past comic greats, this film never glosses *over Cook's failings or failures. Instead, a stream of* satirical stars and colleagues hold nothing back and still manage to convey the enormous affection in which he is held. Ian Hislop believes that the key to Cook "is a sense of existential boredom from an early age". *Something this programme does not suffer from.*



Christopher Reeve in contact with nature (ITV, 9pm)

In the Wild: Grey Whales with Christopher Reeve
ITV, 9.00pm

It is the neat equation of this occasional wildlife documentary series to marry megastars of the entertainment world with the stars of the natural world. Yet this film, shot two months before Christopher Reeve's horrific paralysing accident, takes on an added poignancy. Jeremy Irons both acts as narrator and pays tribute to the actor's zest for life. The man's humour and athleticism is as apparent as his awe in the presence of these huge creatures. As large as ten elephants, the grey whale is an endangered species and not much is known about it. Reeves tracks the whales' 10,000-mile migratory passage between the Arctic and the Baja California peninsula culminating in a skin-to-skin contact with them.

The Limit: Remotest Robot
BBC2, 8.00pm

The viewer-friendly series on bold engineering enterprises fittingly ends in space, the final frontier. In 2013 the Wirtanen comet will enter the farthest reaches of our solar system. The race is on to design a robotic drill that will burrow into the comet's nucleus, analyse the samples and relay the results back to Earth. The challenge is to design a drill that could penetrate an unknown substance, weigh less than an ordinary household drill, use less power than a torch and operate in zero-gravity conditions. *While the all-American family man Stephen Gorevan thinks small,* Fiat-backed Mauro Fenzi favours big. Each is after his own "small slice *of immortality". Which design will* Nasa favour? A *Star Wars*-style credit sequence reveals all.

Frances Lass

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (8301600) **9.25 The New Adventures of He-Man** (8578548) ***9.50 Batman — The Animated Series*** (1086426) **10.20 ITN News** (Teletext) (8566631)
10.30 FILM: Mrs 'Arris Goes to Paris (1992) with Angela Lansbury and Omar Sharif. An English cleaner goes *to collect her employer's Dior gown from Paris.* Directed by Anthony Shaw (s) (63377529)
12.10pm Warner Cartoon (3179548) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) (8349513) **12.30 ITN Lunchtime News** (Teletext) (2270451)
12.55 Home and Away *(Teletext) (2182242)* **1.25 Emmerdale** (r) (Teletext) (44351277) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (96089838) **2.20 Behind the Palace Walls** (r) (s) (18937819) **2.50 A World of Wonder** (5408074) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) *(8986161)* ***3.25 London Today*** *(Teletext)* (8985432)
3.30 FILM: Carry On Cowboy (1965) with Sid James, Kenneth Williams and Jim Dale. A sanitation engineer is sent to clean up Stodge City; classically *lewd. Directed by Gerald Thomas (756364)*
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (2367432)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (475093)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (201971)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (722)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (154)
7.00 Emmerdale. Frank takes a turn for the worse, and Dave gets his comeuppance (Teletext) (1635)
7.30 Roy Castle — Look Back and Smile A look at the fundraising work of one of Britain's best-loved entertainers (258)
8.00 The Bill. Sweet Innocent. The CID is called when a burglar is caught with a lot of money on him, but the occupier denies any knowledge of the cash (4155)



Roger Cook reopens his casebook (8.30pm)

8.30 The Cook Report Update. Roger Cook brings us up to date with recent featured reports (9890)
9.00 In the Wild. Whales with Christopher Reeve *(Teletext) (8646)*
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (29838)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (959180)
10.40 Network First: Entertaining Angels Unawares. *Believers, sceptics and* "experts" discuss close encounters of the divine kind. (Teletext) (946451)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (246258)
12.40 FILM: The Wicked Stepmother (1989) with Bette Davis and Barbara Carrera. A married couple arrive home from their holiday to find that the wife's widowed father has married a woman who claims to be a witch. This was Bette Davis's last film. Directed by Larry Cohen (s) (865407)
2.25am Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (s) (6323136)
2.55 The Beat (s) (2586092)
3.55 FILM: Serena (1962) with Patrick Holt and Honor Blackman. Directed by Peter Maxwell (9524117)
4.55 Profile (s) (26041952)
5.00 Dead Men's Tales (26488)
5.30 ITN Morning News (61914) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Ulysses 31 (1825797)
7.00 The Big Breakfast *(88616)*
9.00 Saved by the Bell (r) (Teletext) (8484155)
9.25 Pugwall (r) (Teletext) (8487242)
9.55 King Arthur and the Knights of Justice (r) (4205258)
10.20 Kelly (r) (6434203) **10.50 Ramona** (r) (5918432) **11.20 The Pink Panther** (r) (s) (8773187) **11.45 Dennis** (9296155) **11.55 Creepy Crawlers** (840258) **12.20pm Terrytoons** (8347155)
12.30 Sesame Street. *With guests Bill Irwin and Whoopi* Goldberg (88722) **1.30 Widget** (r) (s) (36137451) **1.55 Dr Seuss** (36049242)
2.25 FILM: Man in the White Suit (1951, b/w) starring Alec Guinness as a man whose invention of a fibre *which never gets dirty or wears out brings him into* conflict with both workforce and management. Alexander Mackendrick directs. (Teletext) (466877)
4.00 Think Tank (Teletext) (s) (987)
4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (971)
5.00 The Montel Williams Show: Triplets — Three Are More Fun Than One (Teletext) (9574258)
5.50 Terrytoons (397722)



Diana Rigg and Patrick Macnee (6.00pm)

6.00 The Avengers: The Winged Avenger Steed and Emma Peel investigate a spate of murders (r) (Teletext) (43906)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (366074)
7.55 Beastly Christmas: The X Mas Files. David Attenborough considers the tortoise in Bosch's *The Concert in the Egg* (Teletext) (271890)
8.00 Dosh Money advice magazine (2797)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (7432)
9.00 FILM: Lady Mobster (1988) starring Susan Lucci, Joseph Wiseman, Michael Nader and Roscoe Born. A made-for-television gangster drama about an orphan who is befriended by a Mob family whose enemies slaughtered her parents. Directed by John Llewellyn Moxey (94723277)
10.50 FILM: Shame (1987) starring Deborah Lee-Furness as a lawyer who, after her motorbike is damaged in an accident, is stranded in a small town in western Australia. She discovers that many local women have been gang-raped by a group of youths and when she is attacked herself she stirs the townsfolk into action. Directed by Steve Jodrell (48093567)
12.30am Nurses Black comedy set in a Miami hospital (Teletext) (s) (7054778)
1.05 *Football Italia — Mezzanotte*. *Highlights of the Serie A* match between Juventus and Internazionale (8678339)
2.05 Rawhide: Incident of the Dog Days (b/w) (1621074)
3.00 Love Stories: Quintento El Son Menor/Quintet in G. Juan Diego plays a Spanish writer who flees from his Madrid apartment to escape both news of the Gulf War and memories of his lost love (Aitana Sánchez-Gijón). *In Spanish with English subtitles* (4645759)
4.05 The World of Hammer: The Vamp (r) (93025594). Ends at **4.35**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 10.30am Warner *Cartoon (1753616)* ***10.40-12.20*** *Film: Living* Free (63293513) **12.55** Emmerdale (2182242) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (44351277) **2.20** High Road (18937819) **2.50-3.20** Marquee (5408074) **3.25** Anglia News (8985432) **3.30** Film: Mrs 'Arris Goes to Paris (756364) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2367432) **6.30-7.00** Anglia News (154) **12.35am** Film: The Blob (589575) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (5387488) **3.15** The Beat (2421488) **4.05** The New Music (9171469)

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.50-3.20 The Lady Killers (5408074) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2367432) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (905141) **7.30-8.00** The Tuesday Special (258) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (959180) **11.40** Tour of Duty (246258) **3.55am** Jobfinder (7483391) **5.20** Asian Eye (1709440)

GRANADA
As London except: 10.25-10.30 Granada News (5427109) **12.10pm** Warner Cartoon (3179548) **12.20-12.30** Granada News (8349513) **12.55-1.25** Shortland Street (2182242) **1.25** Home and Away (89224529) **1.50** Roy Castle - Look Back and Smile (36122529) **2.20** Simply Delicious at Christmas (18937819) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (5408074) **3.25** Granada News (8985432) **3.30** Film: Journey Back to Oz (36513) **5.00** Porky Pig (3409722) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2367432) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (905141) **7.30-8.00** New Voices: In Bed with Jimmy Monty (258) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (959180) **11.40-12.40am** Time Trax (246258)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (5416513) **1.20** Wish You Were Here...? (44352906) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (4246155) **3.30** Film: Agatha Christie's 13 at Dinner (756364) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2367432) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (154) **7.30-8.00** The Crossing (258)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (154) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (258)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 10.30 Warner Cartoon (1753616) **10.40-12.20** Film: Living Free (63293513) **12.55** Emmerdale (2182242) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (44351277) **2.20** A World of Wonder (18937819) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (5408074) **3.30** Film: Mrs 'Arris Goes to Paris (756364) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2367432) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (722) **6.30-7.00** What's My Line? (154) **7.30-8.00** The Vet (258) **12.35am** Film: The Blob (589575) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (5387488) **3.15** The Beat (2421488) **4.05** The New Music (9171469) **5.00** Freescreen (26488)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 10.40-12.20 Film: Living Free (63293513) **12.55** Emmerdale (2182242) **1.25** Home and Away (44351277) **1.55** Murder, She Wrote (8878906) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (5408074) **3.30** Film: Mrs 'Arris Goes to Paris (756364) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2367432) **6.00-7.00** *Westcountry Live (45364)* **7.30-8.00** South Crofty (258)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 10.25am Calendar News and Weather (5427109) **10.30** Foghorn Leghorn (1753616) **10.40** Film: Living Free (63293513) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bisdale: Network North (8349513) **12.55** Emmerdale (2182242) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (44351277) **2.20** Yan Can Cook (18937819) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (5408074) **3.25** Yorkshire: Calendar News / *Bisdale*: Network North (8985432) **3.30** Film: Mrs 'Arris Goes to Paris (756364) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2367432) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (268548) **6.30-7.00** Crimestoppers Special (154) **7.30-8.00** The Local Angle (258) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (959180) **11.40** Film: Ooh.. You are Awful! (978616) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (8668952) **2.25** Sport AM (7821812) **3.25** The Beat (5186575) **4.25** Jobfinder (5243643)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (88616) **9.00** Saved By The Bell: The New Class (8484155) **9.25** Pugwall r (8487242) **9.55** King Arthur And The Knights Of Justice (4205258) **10.20** Kelly (6434203) **10.50** Ramona (5918432) ***11.20*** *The Pink Panther (8773187)* **11.45** Dennis (4540074) **12.00pm** 21st Century Jet: Up, Up And Away (47722) **1.00** Slot Meithrin Abc (81703) **1.30** Film: Whisky Galore (16426) **3.00** Love In The Afternoon (6161) **4.00** Think Tank (987) **4.30** Saved By *The Bell: The New Class* (971) **5.00** 5 Pump: Uned 5 (6513) **5.30** Fifteen To One (451) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (989203) **6.15** Heno (883906) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (951364) **7.25** Codi'r To (1985987) **8.30** Newyddion/news (7432) **9.00** Dim Tafod: Rdiw 1995 (4180) **9.30** Dim Tafod: Gritp'r Hewl I Fethlehem r (48451) **10.00** Brookside (10180) **10.30** Rising Damp: Clunk Clink r (23600) **11.00** Film: The Killing Of Sister George (45893345)

SATELLITE

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SKY ONE
7.00am DJ Kat (90277) **8.00** Power Rangers (43432) **8.30** Press Your Luck (42703) **9.00** *Court TV (60155)* **9.30** Oprah (35703) **10.30** Concentration (62567) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (23703) **12.00** Jeopardy (53819) **12.30pm** Murphy Brown (99155) **1.00** The Waltons (90836) **2.00** Geraldo (10797) **3.00** Court TV (4364) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (8479345) **4.20** Undun (3525890) **4.45** Kipper Tripper (5618109) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5616) **6.00** The Simpsons (3190) **6.30** Jeopardy (8242) **7.00** LAPD (8345) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4426) **8.00** Nowhere Man (31155) **9.00** Chicago Hope (24819) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (27906) **11.00** Law and Order (48066) **12.00** David Letterman (8908543) **12.45am** The Untouchables (6353594) **1.30** Rachel Gunn (19759) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (7858285)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (9738109) **10.30** ABC Nightline (525364) **1.30pm** CBS News (23426) **2.30** Parliament Live (50703) **3.30** Fashion TV (9548) **4.00** World News And Business (29141) **5.00** Live at Five (82626) *6.30 Tonight with Adam Boulton (23242)* **8.30** Target (189971) **11.30** CBS News (88451) **12.30am** ABC News (56778) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (84056) **2.30** Worldwide Report (64543) **3.30** Parliament Replay (76488) **4.30** CBS News (31778) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (10204)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (32258) **8.00 Cleopatra (1963)** (4904884) **12.00 A Christmas to Remember (1978)** (17600) **2.00pm The Miracle Worker (1962)** (18258) **4.00 The Butter Cream Gang in the Secret of Treasure Mountain (1993)** (9708) **6.00 Toys (1992)** (21722) **8.00 That Night (1992)** (33567) **10.00 Voyage (1993)** (72616) **11.30 Arctic Blue (1994)** (820987) **1.10am Blind Side (1993)** (927952) **2.45 Out of Darkness (1994)** (774469) **4.15-6.00 The Miracle Worker (1962)** (415594)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Sirocco (1951) (5600) **6.00 Anchors Aweigh (1945)** (14797364) **8.20 The Hostage Tower (1980)** (46785258) **10.00 Masquerade (1988)** (401109) **11.40 Providence (1977)** (798432) **1.25-3.30am Reap the Wild Wind (1942)** (74016407)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Mr Lucky (1943) (50600) **8.00 The Good, the Bad and Huckleberry Hound (1988)** (85249) **10.00 Spider-Man Strikes Back (1978)** (91513) **12.00 Wayne's World 2 (1993)** (15242) **2.00pm No Man of Her Own (1950)** (36600) **4.00 The Good, the Bad and Huckleberry Hound (1988)** (1890) **6.00 Double, Double, Toil and *Trouble* (1993)** (84451) **7.30 Special Feature: The Making of the Indian in the Cupboard** (3364) **8.00 Wayne's World 2 (1993)** (31109) **10.00 Live Wire (1992)** (70258) **11.30 Heaven and Earth (1993)** (224703) **2.00am Shattered Trust (1993)** (951310) **3.35-5.30 Beyond Suspicion (1993)** (94383556)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL
Sky Movies Gold from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Umbrella Tree (45324529) **6.30** Muppet Babies (33263088) **7.00** Winnie the Pooh (36026426) **7.30** Ducktales (36101161) **8.00** Chip 'n' Dale (29571258) **8.30** Wonderland (29570529) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (29594109) **9.30** Welcome to Pooh Corner (63239513) **10.00** Dumbo's Circus (33350548) **10.30** Quack Attack (29583093) **11.00** Walt Disney Presents (36127109) **12.00** Boy Meets World (29574345) **12.30pm** Thunder Alley (63313529) **1.00** Flipper (63238884) **2.00** Wonderland (70147819) **2.30** Umbrella Tree (62135277) **3.00** Fraggle Rock (70053426) **3.30** Winnie the Pooh (62130722) **4.00** Quack Attack (62126529) **4.30** Ducktales (62042513) **5.00** Chip 'n' Dale (70058971) **5.30** Danger Bay (62139093) **6.00** Tarzan (62136906) **6.30** Dinosaurs (62127258) **7.00** The Best of Walt Disney Presents (68292093) **8.00-10.00** FILM: Tuttles of Tahiti (68289529)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Eurogolf (41797) **8.30** Skiing (93780) **10.30** Football (48703) **11.30** Skiing (9800074) **12.45pm** Speedworld (2960384) **1.30** Athletics (50548) **2.30** Snooker (98068) **4.30** Football (41093) **5.30** Skiing (21703) **6.30** News (4884) **7.00** Motors (56819) **8.00** Offroad (75567) **9.00** Boxing (55703) **10.00** Pro Wrestling (58890) **11.00** Snooker (86242) **12.00-12.30am** News (42827)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Sports Centre (82426) **7.30** Racing News (67161) **8.00** American Sports (39180) **9.00** Aerobics Oz Style (95426) **9.30** Tartan Extra (26339) **10.00** Cricket: third Test highlights (53154) **12.00** Aerobics (71890) **12.30pm** Football: Manchester City v Nottingham Forest (17242) **2.30** Tartan Extra (6285) **3.00** American Sports (29890) **4.00** Watersports (42797) **5.00** Wrestling Mania (1242) **6.00** Sports Centre (1364) **6.30** Pub Quiz (2616) **7.00** Scottish Football: Motherwell v Rangers (97755277) **10.15** Sports Centre (900513) ***10.45*** *Boots (954109)* **11.45** Pub Quiz (905068) **12.15** Scottish Football (271117) **2.15-2.45** Sports Centre



Orson Welles as Harry Lime in *The Third Man* (Bravo, 4.00pm)

SKY SPORTS GOLD
10.00pm World Cup of Fame (2983703) ***10.30*** *Golden Gloves (1461258)* **11.30-1.00am** Superstars (7066074)

SKY TRAVEL
11.00am Globetrotter (1286987) **11.30** Trailside (1287616) **12.00** On Top of the World (2982074) **12.30pm** Pierre Franey (2255181) **1.00** Around the World (7622780) **1.30** Travel Guide (2254432) **2.00** Ski Special (9155838) **3.00** Getaway (4274258) **3.30-4.00** Boomerang (2966567)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL
4.00pm VJ-Day (1200567) **5.00** Knights and Armour (4298838) **6.00-7.00** Biography Patton (2263180)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL
7.00pm Swamp Thing (4299567) **7.30** Ray Bradbury Theatre (2942987) **8.00** FILM: When Worlds Collide (8226426) **9.30-10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (2179797) **1.00** Swamp Thing (1236049) **1.30** Ray Bradbury Theatre (8558846) **2.00** FILM: When Worlds Collide (3769407) **3.30-4.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (7969117)

TLC
9.00am Martha Stewart's Christmas (9029567) **9.30** High Days (1945548) **10.00** Grow Your Greens (6206548) **10.30** Will It Hurt? (9018451) **11.00** Only Human (1541819) **12.00** The Right Thing? (9009703) **12.30pm** Jimmy's (1949364) **1.00** High Days (1545635) **1.30** Martha Stewart's Christmas (1948635) **2.00** Learning to Be Mum (7840242) **2.30** Soul Mates (8569722) **3.00** Grow Your Greens (7932277) **3.30-4.00** Green Fingers (8571567)

UK GOLD
7.00am Angels (1548722) **7.30** Neighbours (1534529) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9008074) **8.30** EastEnders (9007345) **9.00** The Bill (9925797) **9.30** The Sullivans (1947906) **10.00** A Dorothy L Sayers Mystery (1450513) **11.00** Dallas (1543277) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (9001161) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1941722) **1.00** EastEnders (1547093) **1.30** The Bill (1940093) **2.00** The Sullivans (63745695) **2.25** Are You Being Served (3038277) **3.00** Angels (7934635) **3.30** Eldorado (8477797) **4.00** Miss Marple. The Body in the Library (95702426) **6.05** Larry Grayson's Generation Game (41192616) **6.15** Kenny's Comic Cuts (6324432) **6.25** EastEnders (2977180) **7.00** Eldorado (7926616) **7.30** Taxi (8569345) **8.00** George and Mildred (2127155) **8.25** Sweeney Special — Regan (99361345) **10.00** The Bill (6124093) **10.35** Classic Sport (75477513) **11.40** Carrott Confidential (2338797) **12.20am** Dr Who (2007339) **12.50am** FILM: A Study in Scarlet (61098001) **2.05** Shopping at Night

TCC
6.00am Animated Showcase (6592613) **6.45** Tiny and Crew (1774703) **7.00** Barney (11567) **7.30** Happily Ever After (90074) **8.00** Earthworm (29451) **8.30** Eek (28722) **9.00** Garfield (19074) **9.30** Where's Wally? (44258) **10.00** Skeleton (82567) **10.30** Battletech (15258) **11.00** Time Travellers (88513) **11.30** The Babysitters' Club (89242) **12.00** Ant Attack (9593991) **12.15pm** Dish of the Day (4202890) **12.30** No Naked Flames (48074) **1.00** Heartbreak High (43529) **2.00** The Tick (1451) **2.30** Ready or Not (9345) **3.00** Sweet Valley (7258) **3.30** Hang Time (4890) **4.00** California (7797) **4.30-5.00** Madison (9109)

NICKELODEON
6.00am Blue, Child of the Earth (18432) **6.30** Count Duckula (42364) **7.00** Bailfink (1531074) **7.05** Hero Turtles (3499513) **7.45** Rugrats (298155) **8.15** Doug (487567) **8.45** Rocko (5377093) **9.00** Alvin (93068) **9.30** Pee-Wee (17180) ***10.00*** *Banana Sandwich* (61987) **11.00** Children's BBC (74451) **12.00** Rocko (79432) **12.30pm** Real Monsters (22068) **1.00** Ship to Shore (85567) **1.30** Mighty Max (27567) **2.00** Speed Racer (8797) **2.30** Galaxy High (8277) **3.00** Count Duckula (1432) **3.30** Littlest Pet Shop (3722) **4.00** Hero Turtles (9529) **4.30** Rugrats (5513) **5.00** Clarissa (3277) **5.30** Fish and Chips and TechNick (2093) **6.00** Doug (9906) **6.30** Are You Afraid? (1118) **7.00** Fish and Chips (5123) **7.30-8.00** Nancy Drew (6242)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Driving Passions (8560074) **4.30** Voyager — Storm Voyage (8556258) **5.00** Legends of History (7923529) **6.00** Invention (8560451) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (1495529) **7.30** Human/Nature (8557987) **8.00** Azimuth (5361258) **9.00** State of Alert (1822155) **9.30** On the Road Again (1856600) **10.00** The Circles Conspiracy (5384109) **11.00-12.00** Discovery Journal (1459884)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Blue Murder at St Trinians (6213838) **2.00pm** Danger Man (6294703) **3.00** Scotland Yard (7929703) **3.30** Man from Interpol (8568093) **4.00** FILM: The Third Man (7930819) **6.00** Scotland Yard (8564277) **6.30** Department S (1319155) **7.30** *The Protectors (8471513)* **8.00** Space 1999 (5285884) **9.00** FILM: Plenty (17485722) **11.25-12.00** FILM: The Adventures of Superman (3314987)

UK LIVING
6.00am *Agony Hour (7387635)* **7.00** Living (6175277) **9.00** Mr Smith's Indoor Garden (2060432) **9.30** Kate and Allie (5090884) **10.00** Hearts of Gold (6579161) **10.25** Bride of the Day (9056797) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3868600) **11.55** Food and Drink (6084432) **12.30pm** Brookside (5516722) **1.05** Kilroy (1069529) **2.00** Agony Hour (4047093) **3.00** Living Magazine (4621797) **4.00** Infatuation UK (8360426) **4.30** Crosswits (7570890) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (59391258) **5.30** Bewitched (8446890) **6.00** Esther (8443703) **6.30** Brookside (6838535) **7.05** Jerry Springer (7106277) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (4270797) **9.00** FILM: Elvira — Mistress of the Dark (27749987) **10.50** Entertainment **11.00-12.00** Love Life (6082513)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (2703) **5.30** Tinnin (3161) **6.00** Batman (7154) **6.30** Catchphrase (8426) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (2567) **7.30** My Two Dads (7398) **8.00** Mystery FILM (13797) **10.00** All Clued Up (30567) **10.30** Neon Rider (94109) **11.30** *Batman (71451)* **12.00** *Tinnin (91117)* **12.30am** Concentration (72594) **1.00** Zorro (70310) **1.30** Rhoda (95117) **2.00** Neon Rider (12556) **3.00** Rhoda (67846) **3.30** Zorro (37730) **4.00** The Wonder Years (58223) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (68575)

MTV
6.30am The Grind (60345) **7.00** 3 from 1 (8343277) **7.15** Awake (4983838) **8.00** Videos (708190) **10.30** Rockumentary (17616) **11.00** Soul (22780) **12.00** Hits (69567) **1.00pm** Non-Stop (47561857) **2.45** 3 from 1 (3646451) **3.00** Cinematic (8762451) **3.15** Hanging Out (7102277) **4.00** News **4.15** Hanging Out (6640074) **5.00** The Worst of Most Wanted (4161) **5.30** Hanging Out (2819) **5.30** Dial MTV (74426) **6.30** Sports (6664) **7.00** Bruce Springsteen (98249) **8.00** *Plugged (20703)* **9.30** Beavis (64068) **10.00** News (556659) **10.15** Cinematic **10.30** Real World (18345) **11.00** The End? (78890) **12.30am** Videos (9643204)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (8072221) **9.00** Café (1134093) **12.00** Heart and Soul (2170426) **1.00pm** Vinyl (2252074) **2.00** John Mayall (9051068) **3.00** Into the Music (5914154) **6.00** Tina Turner (2272838) **7.00** VH-1 for You (6390513) **8.00** Review (6472161) **9.00** Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis (6396797) **10.00** Vinyl (6399884) **11.00** Tommy Vance (8570068) **1.00am** Youssou N'Dour (1366759) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

ZEE TV
7.00am Asian Morning (11868567) **8.30** *Cricket World Cup (53993118)* **9.00** Punjabi FILM (10352277) **11.30** Punjabi Folk (44318451) **12.00** Dekh Bhai Dekh (59393154) **12.30pm** Banegi Apni Baat (62275890) **1.00** Hindi FILM (25261906) **4.00** Doosra Kewal (21328884) **4.30** Nukkad (21324068) **5.00** Zee Zone **5.30** Tamil Series (21411548) **6.00** Business (21401161) **6.30** Zee and U **7.00** Urdu Serial (89059426) **8.00** News (59322068) **8.30** Antakshari (59407703) **9.00-12.00** Hindi FILM: Karm Yodha (88730631)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Cartoons from 5am to 8pm; TNT films.
7.00pm Summer Holiday (1948) (36100432) **9.00 Telefon (1977)** (68106242) **11.00 Quick, Before It Melts (1964)** (40231345) **12.45am The Shop at Sly Corner (1946)** (11488681) **2.20 The Traitors (1963)** (95517865) **3.40-5.00 Action Stations (1957)** (29254372)

SPORT

South Africa select 18-year-old left-arm slow bowler for fourth Test

Adams spins unorthodox tale

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN DURBAN

IT HAD been the week's worst-kept secret in these waterlogged parts but it was still announced with pride and ceremony yesterday. Paul Adams, a pioneer for the brave new world of cricket in a united South Africa, was officially elevated to international status and will become his country's youngest Test player when he makes his debut against England in Port Elizabeth on Boxing Day.

While England spent the day confronting a chaotic legacy of the uncommonly wet weather and pondering the possibility of breaking up their established opening pair, South Africa was garlanding a new symbol of sporting and political advancement. For, even at 18, youth is not the most remarkable thing about Adams.

He is a bowler of staggering unorthodoxy, delivering his left-arm wrist spin with a flurry of arms while his head points at the ground behind him. His is a triumph over zealous coaches, who have winced at his ways, as much as it is a triumph for his background. A Coloured from the humble Cape Town suburb of Grassy Park, Adams is the first graduate of the development programme in disadvantaged areas to attain Test level, and he has done so after only five first-class games.



Illingworth, left, and Atherton consider England's next move in Durban yesterday after the third Test was abandoned on the final morning

Peter Pollock, the convenor of the South Africa selectors, pragmatically resisted the clamour for Adams's promotion which followed his nine wickets against England in Kimberley six weeks ago. "The selection game is a pressure game," he explained yesterday. "But the time is right now and we have not picked him for any other reason but the belief that he can fit into our strategy for the last two Tests."

Pollock bristlingly denied that there was any coercion to play Adams, either for political points or to restore public interest in a series plagued by rain. "We are not in the business of boosting the series. We are in the business of beating England. I'm not a gambler and there is no gamble involved here. The balance of our side has been set up to accommodate Adams and use his skills to the full."

A second spin bowler has been chosen in the South Africa 13 and, intriguingly, it is not Clive Eksteen. He loses his place in the squad after three Tests to make way for Nicky Boje, who bowled so well with Adams at Kimberley. Pollock, while hinting strongly that Adams is a certain starter in Port Elizabeth, said that the pitch will determine whether Boje, 22 and uncapped, is also used.

The meteoric speed of Adams's rise can be gauged from the fact that he was not even chosen in the South Africa Under-19 squad that toured England last summer. He was known to the selectors but one of their number stood out against his inclusion, believing he would be regarded as "a joke". And so it was not until the autumn, when Adams took wickets for South Africa's development side in Tanzania, that his immediate potential was recognised.

He has come under the wing of a variety of international players, Conrad Hunte, Clive Lloyd and Eddie Barlow prominent among them. To their credit, none has tried to alter him, so a wide audience can now marvel at the control he imparts from an apparently impossible contortion. "It's the most unusual action I have ever seen," Raymond Illingworth said yesterday. "But he can obviously bowl."

The England manager had more pressing concerns yesterday, such as where, and when, his players might manage to play some cricket. The rain in Durban, incessant for three days, was at its worst yesterday and the third Test was summarily abandoned at breakfast-time. England were also, initially, informed that there was no prospect of starting their scheduled three-day game against a student team in nearby Pietermaritzburg tomorrow. The motorway connecting the towns is impassable, through floods and mud-slides, and if they did complete the journey, it was said, they would find a ground under water.

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Local authorities were hoping England would settle for a one-day game, the facile solution to all ills here. England, having fallen for that one before, quite properly declined. Switching the venue of the match was considered but rejected and, late last night, the original plan still applied.

Jason Gallian, the replacement for the injured John Crawley, arrives here today and his role in the next Test could be to resume his Lancashire opening partnership with Michael Atherton. Alec Stewart's consistent failure to consolidate promising starts seems likely to result in his re-casting at No 3.

Since his last Test century, against New Zealand at Lord's in 1994, Stewart has reached 50 only twice and on both occasions he was batting in the middle order. As an opener, in that time, his 16 innings include only three single-figure dismissals but nine between 24 and his top score of 45.

Illingworth admitted yesterday: "We have spoken to Alec two or three times on this tour because England openers should not get out to the kind of shots he has been playing. Anyone can get bowled out in the first few overs but it is disappointing when people get in and then get out. If you get into the 30s and 40s, as Alec has been doing, you have to go on to make a score. We will probably play all three openers in the next Test and it is possible Alec will drop down to No 3."

One issue, at least, was resolved yesterday. Phillip DeFreitas, who is playing for the Boland provincial side, will join the England party for the seven one-day internationals at the end of the Test series.

Kelly demands help for clubs chasing glory in Europe

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

MANY is the time the Football Association has been vilified for reacting slowly, or not at all, when action has been called for. Yesterday, the FA made a positive response to the dismal record of English clubs in European competition this season, with Graham Kelly, the chief executive, launching a campaign to assist those in need.

If the proposals are approved by the FA Premier League and Football League, clubs will be given four days clear of domestic fixtures before they take part in European competition. It has also been mooted that the same clubs should be given the option of a bye in the two-legged second round of the Coca-Cola Cup.

"We must help our clubs to be successful in Europe," Kelly said. "English teams have under-performed over the last five seasons. We have had some success, but not serious success, and certainly not in the Champions' League. We want to raise the standing and prestige of English football."

Nottingham Forest are the sole survivors from England's original six-strong continental challenge this season, with Manchester United, Leeds United, Blackburn Rovers, Everton and Liverpool falling by the wayside. Forest have reached the quarter-finals of the Uefa Cup, in which they play Bayern Munich, but more attention has been focused on Blackburn's miserable efforts in the European Cup Champions' League, Europe's premier competition. They won only one of their six group B matches.

Leading managers, including Ray Harford, of Blackburn, Alex Ferguson, of Manchester United, and Frank Clark, of Forest, met with FA officials and Terry Venables, the England coach, to discuss the matter. They agreed that the time factor was central to the issue. "We have got to find a way of sending out our clubs without one arm tied behind their backs," Kelly said.

The FA's initiative is not only prompt but welcome, especially for clubs involved in the Uefa Cup, which stages its ties on Tuesdays. Those competing in the Champions' League and Cup Winners' Cup play on Wednesdays and Thursdays respectively, giving them a longer recovery period from matches played the previous weekend.

However, opposition may come from television companies, who could lose their best fixtures of the weekend, and club chairmen, who might be worried at the temporary loss of gate receipts. The sponsors of the Coca-Cola Cup might not be too impressed, either.

Kelly is also keen that English clubs take a more serious approach to the Intertoto Cup, which is staged during the summer and offers the reward of a Uefa Cup place to its most successful teams. After Tottenham Hotspur and Wimbledon fielded almost unrecognisable sides, at a variety of venues, last summer, Uefa retaliated by withdrawing England's fourth place in the Uefa Cup next season.

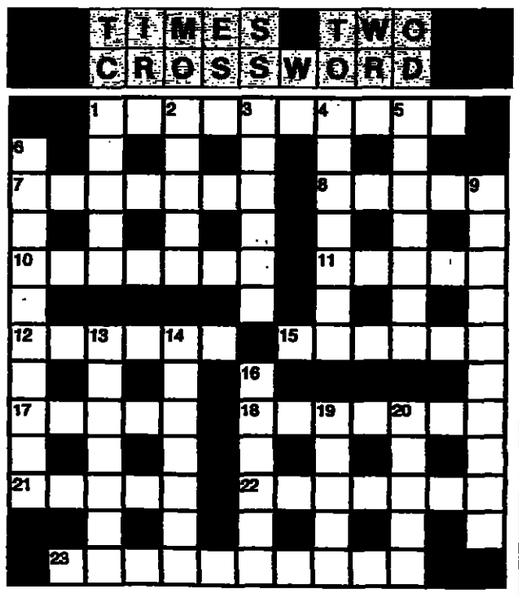
"Our Intertoto showing was a fiasco," Kelly said. "The Premiership clubs should stop shilly-shallying and give a definitive answer as to whether they are interested in competing in it. I believe they should enter. It perhaps doesn't fit our fixture pattern, but things are changing in football and we cannot keep putting our heads in the sand."

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Southampton sign young goalkeeper

SOUTHAMPTON have signed Neil Moss, 20, a goalkeeper, from Bournemouth, in a deal that could be worth £500,000 to their second-division neighbours. Moss, who has played only 21 Endsleigh League matches, will cost Southampton £250,000, with Bournemouth to receive a similar amount again — depending on appearances. Lawrie McMenemy, the Southampton director of football, said: "We see Neil very much as one for the future."

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12 On time; give hint (6)
15 Old name of Iran (6)
17 Criminal organisation (5)
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FINAL SCOREBOARD FROM DURBAN

South Africa won toss

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings
G Kirsten c Hick b Martin ..... 8 (79min, 62 balls)
A C Hudson c Crawley b Illingworth 45 (86min, 63 balls, 9 fours)
*W J Cronje c Martin b Illingworth .. 8 (28min, 17 balls, 1 four)
D J Cullinan c Smith b Martin ..... 10 (64min, 60 balls, 2 fours)
J N Rhodes lbw b Ilott ..... 38 (182min, 132 balls, 4 fours)
J H Kallis c Russell b Martin ..... 1 (12min, 12 balls)
B M McMillan c Russell b Martin . 28 (94min, 81 balls, 3 fours)
†D J Richardson c Russell b Ilott .... 7 (32min, 16 balls, 1 four)
S M Pollock not out ..... 36 (112min, 67 balls, 5 fours)
C R Matthews lbw b Ilott ..... 0 (5min, 1 ball)
A A Donald b Illingworth ..... 32 (102min, 90 balls, 5 fours)
Extras (lb 11, nb 1) 12
Total (100 overs, 405min) 225
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-56, 3-73, 4-85, 5-89, 6-141, 7-152, 8-153, 9-153.
BOWLING: Cork 27-12-64-0; Ilott 15-3-48-3; Martin 27-9-60-4; Illingworth 29-12-37-3; Hick 2-0-5-0.

ENGLAND: First Innings
*M A Atherton c Hudson b Donald .. 2 (4min, 6 balls)
A J Stewart c Hudson b Matthews . 41 (130min, 85 balls, 8 fours)
G P Thorpe c Cullinan b Donald ..... 2 (17min, 11 balls)
R A Smith c McMillan b Matthews .. 34 (94min, 73 balls, 6 fours)
G A Hick not out ..... 31 (102min, 63 balls, 6 fours)
†R C Russell c Rhodes b Matthews 8 (43min, 29 balls, 1 four)
D G Cork not out ..... 23 (45min, 31 balls, 3 fours)
Extras (lb 4, nb 7) 11
Total (5 wkts, 48.1 overs, 221min) 152
J P Crawley, P J Martin, M C Ilott and R K Illingworth did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-13, 3-83, 4-93, 5-109.
BOWLING: Donald 12 1-1-57-2; Pollock 15-2-39-0; Matthews 12-5-31-3; McMillan 9-3-21-0.
Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and D L Orchard. TV replay umpire: K E Liebenberg. Match referee: C H Lloyd (West Indies).
RESULTS: First Test (Pretoria): drawn. Second Test (Johannesburg): drawn.
TESTS TO COME: Fourth (Port Elizabeth): Dec 26 to 30. Fifth (Cape Town). Jan 2 to 6.
☐ *Compiled by Bill Frindall*



Adams: meteoric rise to Test cricket

Swiss team provides berth for Herbert

BY OLIVER HOLT

JOHNNY HERBERT gained a belated reward for his new-found status as a grand prix winner yesterday when he beat Mark Blundell to the best remaining Formula One drive for next season. The irrepressible Englishman will line up alongside the highly-rated German, Heinz-Harald Frentzen, for Sauber-Ford.

The announcement by the Swiss team ended fears that Herbert, who won both the British and Italian grands prix last season and finished fourth in the world drivers' championship, might be forced to pursue his career in IndyCars.

Despite his victories, he laboured in the shadow of the world champion, Michael Schumacher, at Benetton and was discarded after the final race in Australia. Benetton never disguised the fact they gave priority treatment to Schumacher and Herbert, 31, is desperate to prove that his inconsistent qualifying performances with the Anglo-Italian team stemmed from that policy.

If he can out-perform Frentzen, who is regarded as one of the hottest young properties in the sport, any doubts about his ability to fulfil his potential will have to be cast aside.

"I am looking forward to working with Sauber," Herbert said. "The team proved in 1995 that it can be highly competitive and I will try my hardest to help them join the top ranks of grand prix racing."

The pity is that Blundell had to lose out. Both men are more deserving of a high-quality seat than the growing pack of drivers who pay to join teams in the middle and lower ends of the grid. Still, he impressed at his first outing in an IndyCar for the Pacwest team in Phoenix last Friday, so he may pursue a career across the Atlantic.

Blundell improved his reputation with his driving of the McLaren-Mercedes that defeated Nigel Mansell last season and there is still an outside chance that he might stand in for Mika Hakkinen, if the Finn does not recover from the injuries he sustained in Australia in time for the first race in Melbourne on March 10.

"Today's decision came as a hard hit," Blundell said. "Now it is time to make some decisions of my own. The IndyCar option is obviously under consideration but there are a couple of other things in Formula One still to be thought about."

Christie's plans hint at Olympic defence

BY JOHN GOODBODY

LINFORD CHRISTIE gave a hint yesterday that he may reconsider his decision not to defend his Olympic 100 metres title in Atlanta.

His agent, Sue Barrett, confirmed that he, Colin Jackson and John Regis would all be running in the AAA Championships in Birmingham, which will act as the Olympic trials, from June 14 to 16. However, as no athlete is paid for taking part in the event, there would seem little point in Christie competing unless he was considering going to the Games.

Barrett, however, played down the decision, insisting: "He competes quite a lot without getting paid, and next year will also be competing for his club [Thames Valley Harriers]."

Christie, Jackson and Regis had a series of rows with the British Athletic Federation (BAF) and I understand that the resultant public controversy was a factor in the decision by KP Foods, announced yesterday, not to extend their two-year, £2 million sponsorship of the sport.

The trio did not run in the grand prix meeting at Crystal Palace after failing to agree appearance money. In the AAA Championships Christie failed to qualify for the final yet still took part as a guest in that race.

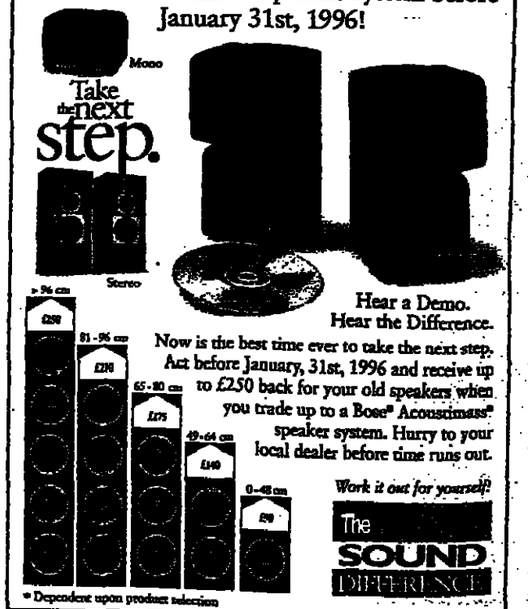
Jackson claimed he had pulled a muscle while running in the 100 metres and withdrew from the meeting but still ran in a sprint hurdles invitational event in Italy the following day.

Jackson has said that he will not compete in any British Athletic Federation invitational meeting as long as Peter Radford remains executive chairman. Barrett added yesterday that the only meetings in Britain in which Jackson would take part next year were the Welsh games on May 25 and the AAA Championships.

She revealed, however, that Christie and Regis might take part in the grand prix meeting at Crystal Palace on July 12, the last event before the team leaves for the United States to prepare for the Games.

Sally Hancock, a director of APA, which negotiates sponsorships between the sport and the participating companies, said: "My understanding is that an announcement will be made shortly about other sponsorship of those events" — confirmed by Hancock, who said he would be revealing details of a new deal in January.

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